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BCCI Deal **Opens Doors** For Further Prosecutions

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By Alan Friedman

International Herald Tribune U.S. prosecutors investigating the BCCI affair said Monday that they should be able to bring fresh indictments of both American and foreign figures as a result of a ground-breaking agreement with Abu Dhabi. Under the deal, the Gulf emirate will extradite the former BCCI chief operating officer and make available hondreds of thousands of pages of hitherto secret

The accord was reached Saturday after more than four days of intense negotiations in Geneva. It was personally approved by Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan an Nahayan, the Abu Dhabi ruler, who owned 77 percent of the collapsed Bank of Credit & Commerce International.

U.S. investigators say that the accord came after law enforcement officials made clear that they were contemplating charges against the emirate in relation to the bank scandal, which has been called the world's biggest.

The 23-page agreement between the United States and Abu Dhabi says that "no representations at the could be a state of the country o

tions either orally or in writing" were made "to induce any of the parties" to sign. But a U.S. Senate investigator said in an interview that officials of the emirate knew they ran significant risks of criminal prosecution of members of their royal family if they didn't cut a deal."

Abu Dhabi has promised to hand over Swa-leh Naqvi, the former BCCI chief operating officer, to the United States within 120 days. He faces multiple fraud and larceny charges. Mr. Naqvi, who was indicted shortly after international bank regulators shut down BCCI in July 1991, is believed to be the former bank executive best able to help investigators unraved the bank fraud, in which more than \$12.4 billion has vanished. Washington, for its part, has promised as part of the accord not to prosecute

nyone in Abn Dhahi. Other main points of the accord include: ◆ U.S. agreement to remove Sheikh Zayed and Abu Dhabi from a \$1.5 billion civil racke-teering lawsuit filed by the trustee of First American Bankshares, a Washington bank that

was illegally owned by BCCL Abu Dhabi's dropping of claims to \$400 million, consisting of frozen BCCI funds, leans to First American and Abu Dhabi's 28 percent equity stake in the Washington bank.
Robert Morganthan, the New York district

attorney who has spearheaded U.S. suresing, tions of BCCI and whose office proficed Mr. Nagyi in July 1991, on Mankley halled the Geneva accord as a "nisjer breakthrough." In an interview Mr. Morgasthau said he and the Justice Department world gain access to critical files that designating come from the London. cal files that originally came from the London and Cayman Islands offices of BCCL

This will help our investigation of BCCI's ties to drug trafficking and should allow us to pursue new indictments." Mr. Morganhau said. He said that until now his team had been conducting its BCCI investigation "with one

hand tied behind our back." Among the items U.S. prosecutors are hoping to pursue based on the BCCI documents are these: details of the alleged bribing of regula-tory officials and central bankers in 10 countries; the laundering of funds for heads of governments such as Manuel Antonio Noriega, the former Panamanian strongman, and ru-mors of payments to selected American politi-

cians.

The Geneva deal could also pave the way for See BCCI, Page 15



A Sigh of Relief From European Leaders American Contribution Continues to Be Vital,' Major Asserts

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS—It took President Bill Clinton hearly a year come to Europe to reaffirm that the United States would remain engaged in the defense of Europe, but European leaders were not complaining about the wait on Monday.

At a summit meeting to define a post-Cold War role for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Mr. Clinton won praise from the allies for helping, at heal the rifts caused by trans-Adminic disputes over trade and policy toward out former Yugoslavia, and to dispet fears that in a speech here Sanday night and repeated to

Washington was forsaking Europe to build closer ties with Asia.

Although doubts persist about America's long-term staying power here, European lead-ers were reassured by Mr. Cimton, who said he made his first trip to Europe because "the security of the North Atlantic region is vital to the security of the United States."

"I warmly welcome the renewed commitment by the United States," Prime Minister

shelling and sniper fire."

heads of state Monday, to maintain about 100,000 U.S. troops in Europe.
"NATO has been vital to the trans-Atlantic

relationship," Mr. Major said, "and the American contribution continues to be vital to

"It was a very clear and unambiguous statement," Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen of Denmark said of Mr. Clinton's stance. The American commitment to Europe is totally unweakened and will continue."

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Specter of Bosnia Hangs Over NATO At Summit Meeting

Clinton Unveils Nuclear Accord

By R. W. Apple Ir.

New York Tunes Service
BRUSSELS — President Bill Clinton announced Monday night that the United States. Russia and Ukraine had reached an agreement for the destruction of Ukraine's 175 long-range missiles and more than 1,800 nuclear warheads
—a deal he described as "a hopeful and historic breakthrough" that would not only benefit the three signatories but also enhance world securi-

If it takes effect, and questions lingered after the announcement about some details of ratification and timing, the agreement would mean all three of the non-Russian states left with nuclear weapons after the breakup of the Soviet Union would have undertaken to surrender them. Kazakhstan and Belarus, the other two countries, agreed last year to give up their

U.S. officials said that over two decades, sales of reprocessed nuclear fuel from former Soviet states would produce about \$12 billion for those states including more than \$1 billion for Ukraine. Only modest American seed money would be involved in the program, they

Ukraine was the most difficult case, and the negotiations on the deal continued by telephone through Friday morning. Their success. Clinton administration officials hope, will help to reduce tensions between Russia and Ukraine, shore up the tortering Ukrainian economy and help to stabilize a shaky region.

Most important, however, the agreement would get the weapons out of the hands of a country ill-equipped to handle them. The Clinton administration had feared they might be poorly maintained, leading to disastrous acci-dents, or might be transferred to some other nation or fall into the hands of extremists

Mr. Clinton has added a brief stop in the Ukrainian capital, Kiev, to his European itiner-Even France, for long the wild card in the 16- ary. In a symbolic gesture, he will meet at the See UKRAINE, Page 5

By Douglas Jehl

New York Times Service BRUSSELS - As leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization opened their summit meeting here, their failure to find common ground about how to stop the fighting in Bos-nia-Herzegovina intruded quickly upon an agenda the United States had hoped would focus on the future.

In what they intended as the centerpiece of their meeting, the NATO leaders on Monday also issued a formal invitation to their onetime Warsaw Pact adversaries to join in a Partnership for Peace, an arrangement intended to forge closer military ties between Western and Eastern Europe.

But with France and some other allies pressing NATO to assume a more active peacekeeping role, the most forceful words of the gather

Czech Republic backs U.S.-led Partnership for Peace plan with NATO. On Bosnia. France secures a diplomatic victory. Page 5.

ng came as President Bill Clinton warned the other leaders that the alliance risks losing its

credibility if cannot make good on its threats.

Under that pressure, the 16 leaders reached a tentative agreement Monday to issue a formal communique reiterating their months-old warning to launch air strikes against Serbia if its forces persisted in their siege of the Sarajevo, the Bosman capital. But Mr. Clinton, who has found roles reversed since Paris helped to block such Western intervention this summer, responded to a French appeal for a new hard line

in terms that bordered on pique.

"If we are going to reassert this warning it cannot be seen as mere rhetorie," the president told his colleagues in a closed-door session Monday morning as the summit meeting began. Speaking immediately after President François Mitterrand of France, Mr. Clinton said: "Those who attack Sarajevo must understand that we

There was no sign of any decision that could lead to immediate military action by NATO against Serbian forces, and British officials said that United Nations ground commanders had not requested such support. But with Sarajevo staggering under heavy Serbian shellings and the allies still divided over a suitable Western response, the NATO leaders were to discuss the issue at length Monday hight during a dinner at a Belgian government chatcau.

At a series of ocws conferences Monday evening, President Clinton and his advisers tried to shift attention from NATO's disagreements over Bosnia to its formation of the Partnership for Peace — a step that Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said meant that the alliance "almost instantaneously became relevant in the post-Cold War era."

That arrangement falls well short of the full membership and security guarantees that Poland and other East European countries had sought. But Mr. Clinton and the other leaders, who had opposed immediate expansion of the alliance on grounds that it would contribute to uneasiness in Russia, were adamant in defending the initiaove. Partnership for Peace offers military cooperation and the ultimate possibility of NATO membership to all of the former Soviet bloc and all four of Europe's neutral countries.

Manfred Worner, NATO's secretary-general, said Monday morning: "Our message to the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe has been equally consistent: We shall not leave you alone. We care about your security, which is of direct and material concern to us."

On Bosnia, Western officials said Monday night that the language agreed to by the leaders for a communique to be issued on Tuesday would state: "We reaffirm our readiness to carry out air strikes if necessary to prevent the strangulation of Sarajevo, the safe areas and other threatened areas in Bosnia and Herzego-

That threat is virtually identical to the one issued by the alliance on Aug. 9. But in the months since then, it has led to neither military action by the alliance nor a cessation of Serbian shelling and other attacks against the Bosnian capital and other targets.

Any decision to go ahead with air strikes would require the approval of the North Atlantic Council and then the United Nations Security Council. American officials described mounting sentiment among some of the allies, including France and the Netherlands, in favor of immediate air strikes.

But they noted that others, like Britain. whose troops are among the UN peacekeeping forces on the ground in the Balkaas, continued to hold deep reservations about any action that could put them in danger.

At a news conference Monday evening, Mr. Clinton would not say what position he intended to adopt in the later discussion on Bosnia. But other administration officials have expressed wariness about military action, in part by suggesting that the fact that the Bosnian government had begun a major military operation against Croatia should make the United States more cautious about coming to its aid.

Sarajevo May Soon Get a Taste of Luxury: Tap Water

New York Times Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — For more than a year, the simple act of drawing a glassful of precious water here has meant risking life itself.

But now, after months of secret design, construction and transport of boxcar-size purification and pumping systems, a U.S. aid agency is ready to turn on the taps in the homes of thousands who have been parched since the summer of 1992. when Serbs began cutting power to pumps that deliver water from a spring behind the Serbian lines.

"Last winter I came here and saw thousands of people carrying water canisters down to the river through the snow, and I said to myself, "This is stupid," said Fred Cury, a disaster-refied worker from Texas who heads the water project mittee. "Ninety percent of the people killed in Sarajevo get killed in the zone right along the river which is most exposed to

Bombardments by Scrbian forces entrenched in the mountains are aimed at crowds waiting to fill plastic containers at public water distribution points that are sometimes miles from their homes. Thousands of civilians have been wounded and

Sometimes, trapped by fighting in areas far from distribu-tion points, people have resorted to drawing water directly from the murky Miljacka River, which also serves as a sewer for people upstream. Other people have had to hand-pump water of dubious quality from shallow wells sunk near the river

But the Miljacka will be the source of the oew \$2.5 million treatment system. If the water proves to be safe in quality tests, the city water authorities said they would allow the valves to open, sending water into Sarajevo pipes.

Because of fears of sabotage, the water project has been

shrouded in secrecy since the five large modules containing pumps and purification machinery were ready for delivery from Houston over the summer. We've been shelled and fired on at one of the sites," Mr.

Cuny said, speaking inside a manel where three of the modules have been set up. "One policeman was killed nearby." The modules had to be specially designed to fit into a C-

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Wading Into Italy's Muddle, Pope Defends Old Order

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME - At the start of a decisive week, Pope John Pani II lamched himself combative by into Italy's muddled political debate Monday, urging Italians to cleave to Cinistan values, eschew separatism and see some good in a political clite disgraced by Europe's worst computing scandal ruption scandal.

The papal utterance in a letter to Italian

confidence vote expected to begin the cam-paign to elections that will force new political incups on a country where all hishops, came two days before a parliamentary cups on a country whose old guard has disintegrated, yet whose newcomers are sull

casing about for allies. in the most recent showing of electoral strength, groupings backed by the former Com-munist Party, the Democratic Party of the Left. scored heavily in mayoral votes last year

against strong rightist challenges.

The focus of attention now is whether rightists — most notably neofascists, the Northern League and the media magnate Silvio Berius-

comi — can forge some united and credible challenge to the former Communists as they seek to cast themselves as the political main-In a land that is 97 percent Roman Catholic.

the church has long exercised a strong pull on politics, openly counseling its followers for decades to support the once-dominant Christian Democrats as a bulwark against communism. The Christian Democrats, along with their Socialist allies; have, however, been at the center of almost two years of kickback investiga-

tions that have revealed an institutionalize

system of bribes paid to politicisms and their

parties in return for contracts and favors... The fall of the Christian Democrats has left the Varican to ponder how it should advise Catholics to vote in early elections expected in March or April, at which many tainted legisla-

ions are expected to be thrown from office. While the Pope retrained from endorsing any specific party, his lotter to Italian bishops in his role of Primate of Italy seemed to tilt directly at the former Communists and the federalist Northern League, while urging Italians to favor those few Christian Democrats who have es-

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HONG KONG ARSON — Fire fighters carrying an injured woman from a branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Monday. Two people died after a man set fire to the bank. The police said the man, 32, apparently had had a dispute with a banker.



Bosnia and Croatia Back New Truce

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BONN (AFP) - President Franjo Tudjman of Crostia and President Alija Izetbego-vic of Bosma agreed here Monday on a cease-fire in central Bosma-Herzgovina, spokesmen

for their delegations said.

Under the verbal agreement, their two commanders in the field, General Rasim Delic for the mainly Muslim Bosnian government forces and General Ante Rosso, a Bosnian content forces and Con nian Croat, were to meet immediately with the commander of the United Nations forces in Bosnia, Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, to establish the cease-fire on the ground, a Bosnian source said.

The two sides also agreed to meet on Wednesday to discuss the status of the disputed city of Mostar before they end their two days of talks.

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Why \$500 Million Mars Probe May Have Fizzled at the Finish 1.493 111,85

By Kathy Sawyer mention Part Service WASHINGTON - Seven months before the launching of NASA's Mans Observer, managers made a change in fite flight plan that might have caused the 5500 million space-

craft to vanish Ang. 21 on reaching the red planet, according to sources familiar with the program. Instead of pressurizing the craft's propellant tanks five days after the launching, as originally planned, managers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration decided to delay the procedure for 11 moralis - until the Observer reached Mars. They did so, iromcally, to avert a potentially serious lenk, officials said.

Burthe values had not been designed to operate under the altered conditions, the sources said, and the result was probably an even worse leak that caused a catastrophic. Others on the panel said they were not sure why the

rupture in a fuel line and spun the craft out of control. management decision to delay pressurizing the tanks was The change in plan did not come up during a press briefing last Wednesday at NASA headquarters, where an independent investigating panel reported its conclusions about what happened to the spacecraft and why.

Sources familiar with the program expressed surprise that mention of this management decision was omitted from the briefing and also from the report's executive summary and overview that were released to the press.

The change is described, however, deep inside the report's four-volume documentation, which is eight inches (20 centimeters) thick. It was not released to the press but was available for review at NASA headquarters. Timothy Coffey, chairman of the investigating board, was traveling and not available for comment, his office said.

not mentioned.

The disappearance of the Observer is one of several embarrassments for NASA in recent years. In 1989, it launched the Hubble Space Telescope with what was later found to be a faulty mirror; corrective optics were installed in a spectacular spacewalk mission last month. And about the same time that the Observer disappeared, the antenna on the Galileo probe to Jupiter malfunctioned. NASA also has been plagned by cost overruns on its space station project.

The decision to change the pressurization plan for the Mars probe was made in February 1992 because someone inded the team that a similar propulsion system used on the Viking missions to Mars in the late 1970s had run into leakage problems when the fuel tanks were pressurized early in the flights, Glenn E. Cunningham, Mars Observer project

manager at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, confirmed last week.

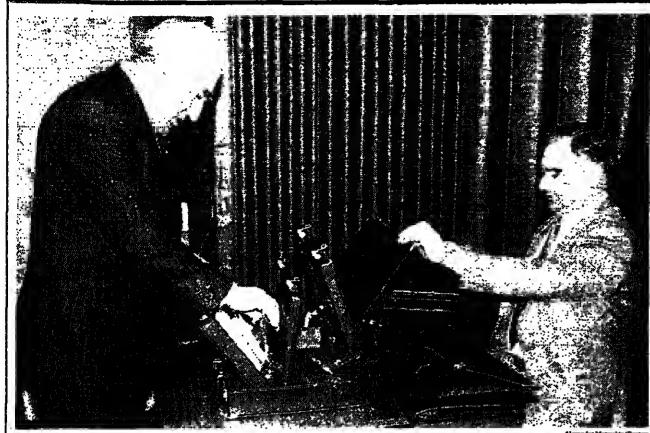
As to why this concern developed so late in the program - after it was too late to make what would have been a simple mechanical fix and still meet the launch date - Mr. Cunningham said, "That's the \$64 question."

The decision to delay pressurization was not questioned by anyone at the contractor firm, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory or NASA headquarters. "With benefit of 20-20 hind-sight," Mr. Cunningham said, "it appears that probably all of us did not do as much analysis on this new condition as probably should have been done."

Controllers lost contact with the Observer late on Aug. 21 while trying to perform the procedure they had decided to delay: pressurizing the propellant tanks. The tanks have to

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Deputies of the new Russian parliament, which opens Tuesday, checking attaché cases with which they were presented Monday.

Russia Breaks Off Talks With Latvia on Troops

Agence France-Presse

MOSCOW - Russia broke off negotiations on the withdrawal of its troops from Latvia following the arrest of two Russian generals in the Baltic republic, the Baltic News Service reported.

Generals Nikolai Tailakov and Anatoli Vodopianov were arrested after an argument with the mayor of a town near Riga over the future of a nearby Russian military base. The two officers are expected to be ex-

pelled from Latvia, the agency said, but a

Russian defense ministry spokesman said they were still in Riga.

Russia's liar-Tass news agency reported earlier Monday that the talks were expected to be given a boost by this week's meeting in Moscow between Presidents Boris N. Yeltsinand Bill Clinton

Moscow and Riga have agreed that the 20,000 Russian troops stationed on Latvian soil must pull out by Aug. 31. but discussions have stalled on the fate of the Skrunde radar

Russia wants the facility, a key element in its anti-air defense system, to be retained for six years after the pullout. Latvia originally demanded that it be dismantled at the same time as the troop withdrawal, but Itar-Tass said Riga had drawn up a compromise pro-posal, of which it had released no details. Apart from Latvia, Russia still has 3,750

troops in Estonia. It pulled all its forces out of Lithuania last year following the indepen-dence of the three Baltic states from the former Soviet Union.

Weather Shifts, Slowing Australia Fires

SYDNEY - Lower temperatures and lighter winds finally gave 10,000 fire lighters a chance Monday to go on the offensive against 136 forest fires blazing across

southeast Australia, The fires had been so fierce for several days that fire fighters had no chance of putting them out and could only try to save lives and property. With better weather conditions on Monday, many of the fires were contained or slowed.

As more than 100 fires continued to hurn in the state of New South Wales, fire crews undertook widespread tactical burning operations to deprive the fires of fuel before the weather turned.

"Now we are fighting back," a fire services spokesman said.

For the first time since Friday, Sydney was not blanketed in thick, haze. But authorities stopped short of declaring victory.

' Every thing is under control but the fires are not out," said Phil Koperberg, director of the New South Wales Department of Brushdepend on a quick change of tem-perature and wind." Four people have died in the

fires, about 1.5 million acres (600,000) bectares) of forest and grassland have been scorched, and at least 185 homes and 30 other buildings destroyed.

Thousands of people have been treated for smoke inhalation and burns, and burndreds have been hospitalized

Light rain fell on Monday, but it wasn't enough to put out the flames Fire lighters also cut fire-breaks and used helicopters to drop

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A woman conforting her daughter Monday as they viewed the remains of a primary school that burned on the outskirts of Sydney.

POPE: Wading Into the Muddle, Pontiff Makes a Plea for the Old Order

sessment" of the postwar era, when ttaly propelled itself into ruin-to-

riches growth, the Pope seemed to

be making a passionate appeal for

Italians not to be swayed by those

"One cannot forget all those sig-

nificant achievements that have

made Italy one of the world's seven

most developed countries," he said.

In essence, the Pope's message

seemed to reflect some alarm in the

Vatican, and its liming and content

immediately drew criticism that he

was meddling - charges the Vati-

state and should not concern him-

self with Italian politics," said a

spokesman for the Northern

League, which has wide support in

the wealths north of the country

and has frequently locked horns

"The Pope is a citizen of another

new denouncing the old order.

he called "an honest and true as- the spiritual legitimator of a cor- northerness pressing for greater fis-

On Wednesday, Parliament is

scheduled to debate a vote of no-

confidence in the government of Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio

Ciampi. Thereafter, according to

Italian pelitical commentators,

President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro may

dissolve the legislature to make way

for new elections in late March or

ly's ever-fractious politicians.

federalism to do so.

with the Catholic Church, calling it has made him the champion of bribery scandal.

The prospect has galvanized Ita-

Umberto Bossi, the head of the

Northern League, said at the week-end that it might he necessary to

"cut a deal" with other rightist groups to oppose the former Com-munists and soften its stand on

"We can't dig in our heels on federalism," Mr. Bossi said in a major departure from the line that

early April.

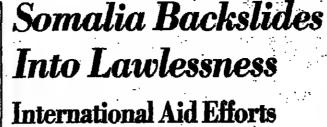
the damage to homes at \$68 milthe damage to homes at 368 million. plus \$34 million lost in infrabe imprisoned for 25 years.

(AP, Reuers)

blazes were set by arsonists.

Two people have been charged with arson. If convicted they could

Police suspect more than half the



By Donatella Lorch New York Times Service

NAIROBI - Less than three months before the American troop withdrawal from Somalia is scheduled to be completed, ever-growing banditry, attacks on relief workers and the rearming of clan-based factions are putting into question the future role of the United Nations and relief seencies. American and UN officials say.
A senior UN official said last

week that the organization planned to reduce its troop strength from 28,000 to about 15,000 after the U.S. pullout, which is to be complete by March 31. By that time, all the other Western contingents as well as the large Turkish force will have withdrawn, leaving the Pakistani and Indian contingents as the main guarantors of security for UN and relief-agency operations. UN officials have expressed

hope that a Somali police force, now being trained, will help main-tain order. But senior UN and American officials are concerned that a sharp decrease in UN military power will only open the way to greater violence.

There are distressing signs of a

deterioration in security through-out southern Soznalia," a senior UN official in Mogadishu warned. "Any indication of an early UN withdrawal will almost certainly trigger a feeding frenzy as looters seek to grab UN and relief agency

resources before they're gone."
Rival Somali factions have been jockeying, both militarily and po-litically, for the upper hand in ne-gotiations intended to produce a transitional national council that could be selected by the end of January, becoming the first Somali government since the civil war began in 1991.

But the Somali factions remain deeply divided. In November, a conference sponsored by the Ethiopian government ended in a stalemate as General Mohammed Farah Aidid's Somali National Al-

cal antonomy.

Mr. Berlusconi, one of the few

Italian tycoons to have avoided

known implication in the corrup-

tion inquiry, is putting himself for-ward as a standard-bearer of a new

right. "Everything is now moving in the direction of a possible alter-

native" to the former Communists,

Underlying the maneuvering is

another investigative time bomb.

Former members of Italy's secret

services have accused several for-mer interior ministers and politi-

cians, including Mr. Scalfaro him-

self, of either participating in or covering up clandestine payments from intelligence agencies to gov-

A further twist to the no-confi-

dence vote is that parliament is still

largely made up of politicians from parties heavily implicated in the

emment ministers.

he said

Are Called Into Question hance and a rival group of 12 other

factions were unable to agree on an

agenda for political reconstruction.

Although the Aidid faction and its opponents are maintaining some form of contact at senior leveis, they are rapidly rearming. American officials say. These officials are particularly worried about the repeated visits to Sudan by General Aidid's chief ally, Colonel Omar Jess. The fundamentalist Islamic government in Sudan has been accused by Western diplo-mats of supplying General Aidid

with weapons. The United Nations announced Thursday that it planned to decen-tralize its Somali operations, bypassing the capital as much as pos-

Since the American led international intervention began just over a year ago, Mogadishn, with its port and airport, has been the cen-ter of the military and relief operation. But the United Nations has been trying to shift its efforts toward regions that are relatively se-cure and stable. In Mogadishn, UN and relief vehicles are regularly shot at and hijacked.

In the last month, however, at-tacks against relief agencies and the United Nations have grown, even in the once-stable towns of Baidoa and Bardera. It is unclear whether these attacks are random banditry or in some cases clan-based or backed by a growing Islamic fundamentalist movement, American officials in Mogadishu say.

In the southern port city of Kismayu, the clan militias are testing the resolve of the Indian forces by wandering armed around the town at night. There is interclan fighting around the town of Brava, south-

west of the capital. Relief officials say they are in-creasingly threatened in their work. To dismiss a Somali employee, or even to argue over a rent increase or the price of fuel, is to invite a death threat, relief officials say.

Aid Worker Is Seized in Mogadishu

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOGADISHU, Somalia -United Nations troops began a search for a British aid worker kidnapped by gunmen in Mogadishu on Monday, in the latest attack on relief organizations.

Calum Gardner, finance officer

for the United Nations World

Food Program, was seized in mid-morning by three men who stopped him at gunpoint, bundled him into a car and drove him away. Mr. Gardner, who is in his mid-

30s, has been a relief worker in Somalia since October 1992. He joined the UN agency in Novem-

Meanwhile, the Somali National Alliance of General Mohammed Farah Aidid complained Monday that U.S. troops had committed "deliberate killings," and said the alliance was trying to set up a meet-

ing to discuss the incidents.

"All these days they have been killing the Somalis," said Issa Mohammed Siad, who handles foreign relations for the alliance. "Within four days, they have killed three and injured five. What do they want - to start a new war in Moga-

The latest incident concerned the death Sunday of an eight-month pregnant tea peddler on the Afgoi road, one of the capital's busiest.

The U.S. Army spokesman, Col-onel Steve Rausch, said American troops on the roof of a building held by Pakistani forces of the UN Operation in Somalia fired twice on a Somali manning a machine gun at the back of a pickup truck.
The dead woman supposedly had been an occupant of the truck. Colonel Rausch said the UN rules of engagement in Somalia permitted shooting on sight at "crew-served

weapons."

The gunner in the pickup truck was hit, and the truck turned back. Then an ambulance arrived at the building with the body of a woman, a 30-year-old mother of six.

The Pakistanis reported that the vehicle contained the body of a woman who had been killed in the exchange," Colonel Rausch said. (Reuters, AFP)

WORLD BRIEFS

Israel Says Gaza and Jericho Pullout Might Not Be Ready by April Target

TABA, Egypt (AP) — Israel and the PLO may not meet an April 13 deadline for the full withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel

Mr. Peres made the observation as Israeli and Palestinian negotiators reconvened in the Egyptian resort of Taba after a three-week break

reconvened in the Egyptian resort of Taba arter a three-week break brought on by differences, principally over border security.

The Palestinian chief delegate, Nabil Shaath, however, said that agreement could be reached in three weeks and insisted that the April 13 deadline be met. "If we're going to play havoc with this date we are going to play havoc with the whole agreement," he said before entering talks.

Mr. Peres, in Ierusalem, stressed that the original accord between Israel and the PLO did not contain a specific data but colve for more than and the PLO did not contain a specific data but colve for more than and the PLO did not contain a specific data but colve for more than the plant of t and the PLO did not contain a specific date, but only a four-month period for carrying out a detailed agreement on withdrawal. "So the first target should be the signing of the agreement, and then we shall have four months to implement it," Mr. Peres said. Israel, he added, would try to make the withdrawal before the summer. But he said that would depend on the Palestinian agreement it the added on the Palestinian agreement in the palestinian agreement in the palestinian agreement in the agreement. on the Palestinian positions in the negotiations as well.

China Is Accused of Abetting Piracy

LONDON (Reuters) — The International Maritime Bureau said Monday that a spate of Asian piracy involving Chinese naval vessels was "government-inspired" and was linked seen the Epratty Islands in the South China Sea.

"There is no doubt that these moves against ships operating in international waters were government-inspired," said the burean's director, Eric Eilen. The Spratlys are claimed by China, along with Brane, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam.

"The Chinese say they are trying to stop smuggling, but they are actually interfering with the legal rights of ships on the high seas." Mr. Ellen said. He said uniformed men identifying themselves as Chinese had seized vestels illegally and confiscated their cargoes.

Walesa Won't Keep Zhirinovsky Out WARSAW (AFP) - President Lech Walesa of Poland said Monday

that he would not stop the Russian ultranationalist leader, Vladimir V. Zhinnovsky, from visiting Poland, but that neither he nor any of his aides

Polish television reported Sunday that Mr. Zhirinovsky had been invited to visit Jan. 15-20 by a Polish industrialist, Janusz Bryczowski, who is also the founder of the National Self-Defense Front, a small

extremist party.

Mr. Waless said that Poland was a "free country" and that he had no intention of preventing visits of this kind. But he said any costs — for example, extra police to prevent public disturbances — would have to be borne by the person who invited Mr. Zhirinovsky, not by the texpayers.

Vietnam Agrees to U.S. Rights Parley WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Vietnam has agreed to a begin a dialogue with the United States this month over allegations of humanights abuses in the Communist country, U.S. and Vietnamese officials

said Monday.

In the latest sign of a thaw, the two countries, which do not have diplomatic relations, have agreed to meet in New York for the dialogue,

U.S. concerns over human rights in Vietnam have been overshadowed by Washington's push for the fullest possible accounting for the 2,239 U.S. servicemen still listed as missing in Southeast Asia.

South African Police Raid Hostel

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Police on Monday raided a worker hostel in search of the grammen who killed a journalist covering a high-level ANC tour, but Nelson Mandela demanded broader measures from President F.W. de Klerk to quell township violence. One man was arrested.

Abdul Shariff, 31, a South African free-lance photographer on assignment for The Associated Press, was shot and killed Sunday in Katlehong, one of South Africa's most violent townships. Two other journalists were wounded in a battle that began after shots were fired from a workers hostel and police shot and killed a township resident.

Secretary-General Cyril Ramaphosa of the African National Congress and Joe Slovo, the Communist Party leader, who had led a peace delegation into Katlehong, were quickly moved to safety after the shooting broke out. They later continued their tour. The hostel was believed to house more than 2,000 people.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Dike Breached in Southern France

MARSEILLE (AFP) - Hundreds of fire fighters and soldiers struggled Mooday to plug a breached dike in the Rhone River Delta near here

Meanwhile, the death toll in the floods since December rose on Monday to 9 after the body of a 10-year old boy was found. He had been swept out of his mother's car on Friday by the waters of the Nesque river near Venasque, in the Vauctose department. -

In western France, the levels of the Charente and Boutonne rivers dropped slightly, but the town of Saintes remained flooded.

Istanbul authorities imposed anti-smog restrictions on the city after air collution during the weekend exceeded by nearly seven times the danger ievels set by the World Health Organization. (Reuters)
British Airways is to begin daily soustop service between London's
Gatwick Airport and Charlotte, North Carolina, on Jan. 20. (Reuters)

United Airlines and Lufthania German Airlines announced Monday that beginning this month, members of each airline's mileage programs can accrue credit on any flight operated by the two airlines anywhere in the world.

A new air service between London's City Airport and Dublin was started Monday by the Virgin group and the Irish carrier CityJet in a move to cut travel time between the two cities. (Reuters)

Alitalia Airlines pilots called a one-day strike for Tuesday to protest a pay freeze and cutbacks due to restructuring. The pilots said most flights

Pressing Airport Project, **Hong Kong Shaves Cost**

HONG KONG — Hong Kong shaved the cost of the colony's huge new airport project on Monday but warned China that the price could climb again unless a long-running deadlock on funding plans can be broken soon.

plans can be broken soon.

The government is expected to seek approval from the Legislative Council to push on with the project despite Beijing's opposition.

A government spokesman said the total cost of the new airport, excluding borrowing costs, had been cut by 5.5 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$712 million) to 158.2 billion dollars. The savings were mainly due to work on bridges, roads and land reclamation comin

"The bad news is the longer we take to reach agreement, the greater the risk of costs going up," said the spokesman, referring to the dispute with China over the sirport.

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In America's Fling With Casinos, Big Risk Is Gaming's Ultimate Social Cost

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BILOXI, Mississippi - Anyone who doubts the astonishing economic effect of the headlong dash toward legal-ized gambling in the United States should come to this quirky hodgepodge of moss-draped live oaks and white-columned mansions, ragged beach and cheap bars that has been turned into a boom area by the arrival of eight major casinos over the last two years.

But if the Mississippi Gulf Coast from Biloxi to Bay St.

Louis is a revealing window onto the economic power of legalized gambling, which has tripled in a decade to a \$30 operating around the country within two years.

There's probably not a major city in the United States two questions with equally nationwide implications; how that's not considering gambling," said Tim Ryan, dean of many communities can expect to make money on gam, the college of business administration at the University of bling - and at what cost?

To proponents of gambling, the boom along this 35 mile (55-kilometer) stretch of Gulf Coast, once defined by modest tourist attractions like pastel-colored souvenir shops, garish miniature golf courses and mom-and-pop gambling to produce jobs and tax revenue, it also shows scalood joints, is proof of what a powerful economic engine gambling has become.

"Right now, we feel like we're probably the hottest spot in the United States for growth," said Chevis Swetman,

president of People's Bank in Biloxi, "and when was the last time you heard Mississippi being No. 1 in anything?"
At one point recently in Biloxi, 28 construction cranes towered over the Gulf shore. But with plans to triple the number of gaming establishments here and to build the world's biggest casino and nine riverboat casinos 60 miles down the coast in New Orleans, and similar proposals sprouting from neighboring Mobile, Alabama, all the way north to Chicago, many economists are asking how many

New Orleans. "It's an incredible explosion of gambling.

And if the Gulf Coast shows the economic potential of gambling to produce jobs and tax revenue, it also shows the risks, both in businesses displaced and lives ruined. Already, social service agencies and courts are seeing marriages destroyed or residents sinking into debt because

who said he has already seen at least 20 divorces and numerous failures to pay child support as a result of gambling losses.

When a casino boat called the Europa Star began trips into the Gulf a few years back to offer dockside eambling. it struck more than a few people as a rather forlorn effort to be a poor man's Las Vegas. No one is laughing now. In Harrison County, bome of Biloxi and seven of the eight casines, the value of building permits for the first right months of 1993 surged by 825 percent over the same shrimp-processing plants and ice plants. And despite the period in 1992, growing from 511 million to \$102 million. influx of visitors, some other tourism-related businesses Unemployment fell from 7.1 percent in 1992 to 4.2 percent

The gaming establishments in Biloxi, all dockside casinos in elaborate buildings, have already created more than 11,000 jobs. The 13 casinos operating in November in Mississippi produced S80 million in revenues. There are now 17 casinos open, producing a tax bonanza for the of people would like to vote them out." state and local governments.

In neighboring Hancock County: ooe project, Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis, bills itself as the largest dockside bling problems are soaring here. The number of Gamblers

William L. Siewart of Chancery Court in nearby Gulfport, hotel, 5,000-seat auditorium, convention center, a park for helps compulsive gamblers, say they are seeing an increashouse trailers and a golf course. The casmo itself features 68 gambling tables for games like blackjack, roulette, and poker and more than 1.100 slot machines.

Despite success that has exceeded all expectations here, residents may be more uneasy about gambling now than when it began.

The shrimping business, once the dominant industry on the coast, is being forced out by casinos taking over the docks, leaving no room for shrimp boats and closing say the casinos have siphooed off their business.

Louis Skrmetta's Ship Island Excursions is a 66-year-old family-owned business that hauls tourists to an offshore barrier island, After years of steady growth, business fell 10 percent last year, Mr. Skrmetta said "Now that the casinos are here," he said, "I think a lot

And, if gambling is an affordable recreation for most customers, with slot machines as cheap as 5 cents. gam-

"It's my observation that there's a lot of wreckage casino development in the world. Owners say the 530-acre Anonymous Chapters has grown from none to five, and coming out of this gambling business here," said Judge 1215-hecture) project will eventually include a 1,500-room counselors at Recovery Resources, a private center that counselors at Recovery Resources, a private center that ing number of middle-income people who have piled up debts io the \$25,000-to-\$35,000 range, taken second mortgages on bomes and emptied savings or retirement ac-

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One 31-year-old waitress and mother of two said she has been a casual bingo player before the gaming halls arrived, but with hig-time casinos so convenient had found herself gambling her whole paycheck and savings before she sought help.

"It got to the point I was going almost every day," she said. "It's like those machines hypnotize you. I used to dream about them at night, ching, ching, thing, the sound of the slots.

Still, few doubt the overall economic impact thus far has been positive.

Dianne Harenski, a member of the Biloxi City Council, said the city had expected a half million dollars a month in revenues from its casino tax. The figure for the most recent month was \$1.2 million. That has allowed the city to buy capital projects that had been needed for years.

* POLITICAL NOTES* Wider inquiry is Urged in Human Experiments

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is being pressed

to delve deeper into the record of U.S. government research using human subjects, perhaps opening a comprehensive review of the nation's research ethics during the past half century.

What began as a discussion of radiation experiments related to the nuclear weapons program during the Cold War, and promoted by

Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary as part of an initiative to reveal her agency's atomic secrets, has expanded to include radiation. experiments conducted by several agencies and involving thousands The administration has promised a thorough search of records by

the Energy Department, the Defense Department, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the CIA and federal health agencies on research involving human subjects who were exposed to radiation, often without their knowledge. Many of the experiments were done for medical reasons, not in the name of national security.

Although much about the research has been known in academic and scientific circles for decades, its troubling history is only now getting widespread public recognition, in part because the adminis tration has pledged an investigation. Now, politicians and public interest groups are beginning to suggest that fully understanding that research may call for an examination that focuses not just on radiation, but on broader ethical questions.

Senator John Glenn, Democrat of Ohio and chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, said he would schedule hearings into the testing, and he called for a full investigation of all human

experiments up to the present day.

"Let me make myself clear that I am talking about more than radiation testing." Mr. Glenn said. "I am calling for a government-wide review of all testing programs, from drug tests at the Food and Drug Administration to military tests at the Defense Department, to determine if any improper experiments on humans persist to this - (NYT)

Clinton Furious Over Directive He Never Saw

WASHINGTON - The administration's plan to require Medicaid coverage of abortions in cases of rape or moest was disclosed before anyone had told President Bill Chinton of the order, and he was furious at its premature disclosure, according to administration

On Dec. 28, three days after disclosure of the plan, the Department of Health and Human Services seat letters to officials in all

ment of Health and Human Services sent letters to officials in all states saying their Medicaid programs must funnce abortions for low-income women in cases of rathe or incest. Medicaid is the federal-state program that provides health care for poor people. Time magazine reported this week that Mr. Clinton said he was shocked to learn of the directive. It quoted Mr. Clinton as saying in an interview: "There was no decision by me. It never came to the Oval Office. I'm going to find out what happened, why it happened, and then we'll see."

nd then we'll see."
Officials at the Department of Health and Human Services said they had sent a draft of the directive to the White House before it was disclosed. But White House officials evidently did not take notice of:

In any event. Medicaid officials said they had no discretion in the matter. Under an appropriations bill approved by Congress and signed by Mr. Ambia in October, they said, federal funds are available for abortions in cases of rape in incest, and states must contribute to the cost of the procedure in such cases.

U.S. government health officials said the president was not angry.

about the content of the directive, but was distressed over the way it

The secretary of health and human services, Donna E. Smlala. said: "I was as angry as the president. We all hate leaks. The problem (NYI) was the leak."

President Chinton as he told the NATO allies of his plans for a military Partnership for Peace with former Warsaw Pact nations:
"Let me say here to the people in Europe's East, we share with you a common destiny and we are committed to your success. The demo-cratic community has grown and now it is time to begin welcoming these newcomers to our neighborhood."

Away From Politics

e Lorenz Bobbitt went on trial for severing her husband's peuis in an assault her lawyers said was prompted by an "irresistible impulse" after repeated beating and rape by her husband. Her lawyer said John Wayne Bobbitt's penis had become a symbol of a "reign of terror" forced on the petite, 24-year-old woman and cutting it off was an act of escape. The lawyer said the trial in Manassas, Virginia, would show that "a life is more valuable than a penis." Mr. Bobbitt, an ex-Marine was found not emitty in November of rapine his wife. an ex-Marine, was found not guilty in November of raping his wife.

e A mild cartiquake shook parts of Los Angeles, setting off car alarms, rattling glasses and startling residents but causing no serious damage. The quake registered 3.7 on the Richter scale and was centered off the coast. centered off the coast.

 The American Historical Association will move its 1995 conference out of Cincinnati because that city's charter forbids laws to protect homosexuals. The organization said it would not hold its meeting in homosexuals. The organization said it would not hold its meeting in cities where its members could be subject to discrimination. Voters amended the charter in November to bar the City Council from enacting or enforcing laws that give equal protection to homosexuals who seek employment, housing or public accommodations. A federal judge has blocked implementation of the amendment pending trial of a lawsuit filed by gay-rights activists.

 The Coast Guard and private contractors gained the upper hand on an oil spill that stained the beaches in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and threatened its tourist moustry. The Coast Guard reported that in the first two and a half days since a barge hit a coral reef 300 yards offshore, nearly 100,000 of the 750,000 gallons of oil disgorged into the Atlantic had been recovered.

Reuters, AP, LAT

Clinton Nominee Retracts Name for Peacekeeping Post

By Eric Schmitt New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Morton H. Halperin, President Bill Clinton's embattled choice to fill a new Pentagon position to direct peacekeeping policy, has withdrawn his name for the job, according to administration officials.

The nomination of Mr. Halperin, 55, a former director of the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union, stirred a level of passion unusual for a midlevel post, as conservatives attacked the fiberal positions he had staked out through three decades. Mr. Halperin reversed his initial support of the Vietnam War, fought with the Nixon administration during the Waterpate scandals and criticized many U.S. spying operations

.- But his chances to be assistant secretary of defense for democracy and peacekeeping fell victim not only to resistance on the Senate Armed Services Committee in November but also to the reshaping of the president's much-criticized foreign policy team. The pomination also promised to complicate the Senate confirmation hearings of Bobby Ray Inman, Mr. Chinton's chaice to succeed Defense Sourctary Les Aspin, who is resigning.

mally capited in November, when the Senate did not act on it before adjourning. At the time, the White House expressed confidence in his qualifications and said it would resubmit his nomination when Congress reconvened later this mouth. Administration officials said they had anticipated a tough fight but believed they would prevail.

Then in December, Mr. Aspin,

Mr. Halperin's patron and biggest supporter in the administration, announced that he would resign effective Jan. 20. Mr. Aspin bad hoped to use unconventional new posts like the peacekeeping one to reshape U.S. international relations in the post-Cold War world. Mr. Aspin's designated succeshold was necessary. It now appears likely that the post will be dropped with Mr. Halperin's bowing out.

"Mort wanted to serve with Sec retary Aspin." a senior Defense Department official said, "but with the other changes coming, he has decided to not move forward."

Associates said Mr. Halperin.

who has been working as a Pentagon consultant pending his Senate hearings, had discussed his decision with Frank G. Wisner, the undersecretary of defense for poli-cy, and with White Honse officials over the last several days.

Administration officials said

Sunday that they were still considering another job for Mr. Halperin, but probably one that would not require Senate confirmation. One post that has been mentioned is that of head of the State Department's policy-planning bureau. In the meantime, Mr. Halperin will continue acting as a Pentagon consultant, they said.

Mr. Halperin's decision cleared a potentially troublesome burdle for Mr. Inman's confirmation hearing. which is scheduled for Jan. 25 or Jan. 26. Republicans on the Armed Services Committee had told Pentagon aides that they would grill Mr. Inman about Mr. Halperin, possibly jeopardizing the defense nominee's chances for approval.

Administration officials have exey could undermine their plans to would be have Mr. Imman quickly help improve relations between the White House and the armed forces and to Force the Solic Possible give a boost to the administration's flagging national security team.

In Mr. Halperin's first hearing before the Armed Services Com-mittee, on Nov. 19, conservative senators said his published articles criticizing the use of U.S. troops abroad made him especially unsuitable for the new job. "Since we are convinced be al-

ready has and will in the future put explanation was given for Mr.

American lives and interests in González's decision to step down. jeopardy, we have a constitutional



Members of the press, which has been denied access to the fighting by the government, at an army roadblock near San Cristôbal.

Salinas Aide From Embattled State Quits

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MEXICO CITY - President Carlos Salioas de Gortari anocunced on Monday the resignation of his interior minister and named a special envoy to seek a settlement in the uprising in the

southeastern state of Chiapas. Mr. Salinas, in a speech to the nation, said Patrocinio Gonzalez Blanco Garrido, a former governor as who has been cited in pressed concern that such a strate reports of human rights abuses. would be replaced as loterior minister by Attorney General Jorge

> Foreign Minister Manuel Camacho Solis was appointed head of a commission for peace and reconciliation in Chiapas.

It was oot immediately clear whether the government had demanded the resignation of Mr. and Acapulco. González, who had been in the post A truck load for a year. The government rarely comments publicly on the reasons for cabinet changes, and no official

Rebel descendants of Maya Inand moral obligation to oppose dians calling themselves the Zapa-him. Senator Strom Thurmond of tista National Liberation Army.

erished southern state.

homelands in Chiapas and have vowed to toppie the government. Shortly after taking over at least

six Chiapas cities, they said would advance to Mexico City. While bombs went off in Mexico City, sporadic fighting was still tak-ing place in Chiapas, where the Mexican military has continued to bombard the peasants' mountain hideouts

Televisioo reports said paratroopers had been brought into San Crisional de las Casas to be dropped into remote combat zones.

Leftist groups sympathizing with the Zapatistas exploded bombs over the weekend in Mexico City A truck loaded with explosives

blew up outside a military com-pound in Naucalpan late Saturday, and three bombs went off below a nearby electrical tower, the police said. No one was injured in the incidents.

The attacks came after a power sor, Mr. Inman, has praised Mr. him, Senator Strom Thurmond of cista National Liberation Army, ful car bomb rocked an under-Halperin but also raised doubts South Carolina, the panel's ranking launched the New Year's Day up-rising, which the government says City before dawn Saturday, injur-

has claimed 100 lives in the impov- log one person and causing exten- Samuel Ruiz, the hisbop of the sive damage. No one claimed re- embattled San Cristobal diocese, The estimated 2,000 peasants, sponsibility for the blast but the called Zapatistas, say they are fighting to regain their ancestral scrawled on nearby walls.

sponsibility for the blast but the said he had agreed to rebel requests to take part in talks to end the uprising. (AFP, Reuers)



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In War on Drugs, the Rotary Connection

By Douglas Martin
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — At Eighth Ave-

mie and West 45th Street are three pay telephones. A man looks at the first, shakes his head and goes to the second. He rolls his eyes and moves to the third. Finally, he shrugs, shoves in 25 cents and dials - methodically putting his index finger in the little hole over each number and turning the dial seven

"I don't like it," said the man, Jimmie Tomlin. "It takes too long to dial and I've got places to go." Three decades after buttons be-gan to replace rotary dials on American phones, time has reversed itself at about 250 outdoor pay phones in New York City. Responding to appeals from commu-

mity groups trying to stop drug pay phones, which are no longer dealers from using public phones to do business, the phone company, Nynex, has brought back old-fash-intend disline.

The phone is the phone company, storage.

The phone is the most beginning to stop drug pay phones, which are no longer concerns," said Beverly Levy, spokeswoman for Southern New England Telephone. ioned dialing.
The rotary dial is a step back-

ward technologically, but it pre-vents a drug dealer from paging a customer or runner," said Steven Marcus, a Nynex spokesman, who many new services, like voice mail, that rely on pash-button phones.

The return to rotary dialing is the most drastic measure in a cam-paign that began with improving lighting moving phones away from problem areas, then disabling them so they cannot receive incoming calls. Now Nynex is taking rotary

prevalent response. "It wakes you up a little," said Willie Campbell, a cab driver who pulled over to the Eighth Avenue phone to call his sister. "It's an eye-opener." Phooe company officials ac-

said the change was made as "an knowledge that callers can use a absolute last resort," since the device called a tone dialer, which is phones cannot take advantage of sold for about \$15 at electronics stores, to send tone signals over a phone with a rotary dial, but add that the devices do not appear to have caught on.

Phone companies in other areas have also brought back rotary pay phones on drug-infested corners,

though not on a widespread basis. "We really do it as one of the last Great and healthful

Environmental Challenge to NAFTA Dies

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - The Su-

preme Court on Monday let stand a ruling that allowed the North American Free Trade Agreement to win congressional approval without a formal statement on its likely environmental effects. The nine justices, without com-

mit a new global trade agreement to Congress this year.

In their 1991 lawsnit, the Sierra

the treaty was approved in Novem-ber, the issue remains alive because der a federal law that allows court President Bill Clinton plans to sub- review of "final agency action."

A federal judge ruled for the groups in June, but the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Club and Ralph Nader's Public Columbia reversed that in Septem-Citizen said the North American ber. The president was the central agreement would harm air quality figure in the treaty, the appeals in American cities along the Mexicourt said, adding that his actions ment, rejected arguments by two can border and jeopardize U.S. are not "agency action" and thus citizens groups that even though laws on recycling, auto emissions cannot be reviewed under the fedtheir challenge became moot when and the transportation of hazard-eral law.



Phillip Jones, a spokesman for Ameritech, which serves Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and

Ohio, said "We have used it upon

occasion, but oot widely."

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Shells Hit Sarajevo as **Rivals Meet** In Bonn

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovion - Shells crashed into the center of Sarajevo oo Monday, wounding 12 people, while in Brussels, leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organizatioo reaffirmed their readiness to launch air strikes to break the Serbian stranglehold on the city.

In Sarajevo, a wire-guided missile fired from the direction of a Serb position hit a residential area near the city center, where in the last week 46 people have been

In central Bosnia, Moslems and Croats cootinued to struggle for territory, as peace talks by their representatives in Bonn went into a secood day.

Talks oo ending Bosnia's civil war have often been accompanied by an increase in fighting, as warring sides try to gain greater leverage at the oegotiating table.

At least 6 people were killed and more than 30 were wounded in fighting Sunday and Monday near Vitez that began with a Moslem offensive on the Croat enclave they have surrounded. The fighting continued Monday at a lower intensi-

In Bonn, Bosnia's Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, and Croatia's president, Franjo Tudjman, held face-to-face talks. Sarajevo radio said these included new initiatives on Muslim access to the sea

Diplomats said a new map had been circulated at the Bonn talks, giving the Muslims just over a third of Bosnian territory. In Geneva, where full-scale peace negotiations are due to resume Jan. 18, diplomats said the map met the target, set by European Union ministers, of awarding a third of the republic's territory to Muslims under an

Continued from Page 1

be pressurized to fire the braking rockets, which

would put the Observer into orbit around Mars.

tanks, minute amounts of condensed oxidizer

may have been carried prematurely into contact

with the hydrazine fuel. The combination

would have ignited inside the plumbing and

ruptured it, spewing jets of propellant into

space and putting the spacecraft into a rapid.

"There was no problem with the check

uncontrolled spin that rendered it useless.

When controllers tried to pressurize the



WATER: U.S. Purification Project May Soon Fill the Pipes in Sarajevo

130," he added, referring to the U.S.-built Hercules cargo aircraft that flew the equipment to Croatia. "We ended up with three inches to

The frequent shelling and sniper fire at Sarajevo's airport also renired that the modules be unloaded quickly from the Canadian Air Force planes that flew them into

spare on either side."

Sarajevo from Zagreb, Croatia. The modules then had to be driven along a frootline road and through a Serbian checkpoint. "The Serbs blocked the stuff at the airport," Mr. Cuny said, "because we weren't doing anything on

through then."

Financing came from a \$50 millioo grant from the Soros Foundation, a philanthropic group in New York that has funneled millions of dollars into Eastern Europe. An additional \$2.7 million from the group has enabled 20,000 Sarajevans to connect to a natural-gas line so they can heat their bomes

Mr. Cuny said the second of the five water modules would be ready to come on line Tuesday. When all five are booked up, the system will be able to provide a third of the city with 24-hour water service, and more if the 450,000 liters (118,500

said. "The Serbs let everything one neighborhood to another, he

Because the module system runs off its own generator, it is not subject to the vagaries of Sarajevo's power grid. Because it is mobile, it may be transported to other needy areas of Bosnia.

The biggest hitch so far has come from local water-safety inspectors, who have demanded additional testing although local engineers who took part in the project said the water was potable.

"This is surface water exposed to pollutants and intentional tampering," said Mohammed Zlatar, deputy head of Sarajevo's Institute for

In 1992, the Observer team debated the

change in procedures extensively before it was

approved, a member of the investigating panel,

Peter G. Wilhelm, director of the Naval Center

for Space Technology, said Thursday. He fo-

cused during the investigation on the propul-

debate was all about," he said, adding that

changes so late in the game are acceptable,

'assuming you make the right change.'

"Was the decision prudent? That's what the

"We ask that at least 20 different tests be made before we let the

gust when the Western naoons gallons) of water the system pro-were talking about bombing," be duces each hour is shunted from the Miljacka, which has been the subject of jokes among Sarajevans.

The consequences of letting in

polluted water could be catastroph ic," Mr. Zlatar said. "They could be worse than the shelling. We could have 30,000 people come down with stomach diseases, and some of them could die."

water in." be added.

Walesa Sees 'Step in Right Direction'

day gave tentative approval to a meeting.
NATO plan to increase military
Human links with countries in Eastern Eu-

But the cabinet said the NATO initiative, Partnership for Peace, was less far-reaching than it had hoped. It said that formal approval would be given only after full details were made available at the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

Reuters but in the right direction." Presi-WARSAW — Poland on Mon-dent Lech Walesa said at a cabinet weapons at NATO's disposal when Hungary and Slovakia have al-

ready accepted the plan, which was offered to Russia and other Eastern European states.

Mr. Walesa suggested earlier Monday that NATO agree to a set of membership conditions for Russia, including giving NATO access to its nuclear arsenal.

tion summit meeting in Brussels.

"I do not know why the world posed to an eastward expansion of has not asked Russia to put their NATO.

dared ask such a question so far." Mr. Walesa did not suggest exactly how Russian nuclear weapons might be controlled if it joined NATO. But he said offering membership to Russia as well as other former Warsaw Pact members would keep Moscow from being isolated, which is one of the concerns cited by Russian officials op-

CLINTON: A Sigh of Relief From European Leaders

Continued from Page 1

member NATO pack and a sharp crice of Mr. Clinton's abortive push for air strikes against Serbian forces in Bosnia last year, had warm words for Mr. Clinton.

President François Mitterrand found a convergence of views on policy toward the former Yugosla-via in a head-to-head talk with Mr. Clinton between official summit meetings, said his spokesman, Jean Musitelli. Mr. Mitterrand wel-comed Mr. Clinton's renewed commitment to supply up to 25,000 U.S. troops to help police a Bosnian peace agreement, if one can be reached, as well as his declared sup-port for NATO air strikes in Bosnis f the United Nations calls for

them, Mr. Musitelli said. In addition to the relief in En-

rope that Mr. Clinton had reaffirmed a security commitment made by eight previous U.S. presidents over the past half century. European leaders were encouraged by a Clinton departure: his clear support for European efforts to forge its own defense capability.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Germany was "very grateful" that Mr. Clinton supported the summit meeting's call for the creation of NATO task forces that could be detached to the Western European Union, the 10-nation defense arm of the Enropean Union. One senior German official said

Mr. Clinton's endorsement of militar cooperation among European nations stood in sharp contrast to the administration of former President George Bush, which viewed

Bonn was not concerned that the new NATO task forces might encourage a further U.S. disengage-ment from Europe's defense, this

"Nobody knows what it will look like in 10 years," this official said of NATO, "but for now we don't fear that America will leave us alone."

For their part, U.S. officials said they were cheered by the early Enropean reviews of Mr. Clinton's performance.

"It hopefully will put to rest once and for all the feeling that we are either turning away from Europe," said Stuart Eizenstat, the U.S. delegate to the European Union, "or that the United States feels it is better off with a weak European Union than a stronger one."

Catharina Dales, in Dutch Cabinet, Dies

AMSTERDAM — Catharina (Ien) Dales, 62, the Dutch minister of the interior, died overnight of heart failure at ber home in Utrecht, her ministry said Monday.

She was appointed to Prime

Minister Rund Lubbers's center-

• Martin Posth, member of the

board of directors at Volkswagen in Wolfsburg, Germany, is reading Plato's "Republic" in the original

"This book is truly an original. Plato's lessons taken from Greek

antiquity are just as applicable to-

day as they were then. The preci-

test coalition cabinet in November had a long-standing relationship with a female partner but had re-Miss Dales was responsible for

negotiating wage deals with the powerful civil service unions and acquired a reputation for driving a

hard bargain. heart disease,
Miss Dales was unmarried and said Monday.

fused to discuss her private life. Phouni Vongvichit, 85, former

president of Laos, died Friday in Vientiane after suffering chronic heart disease, the Laos news agency

dedication and willingness to partic

ipate in studies made it possible to

As he left Pollen's office, Jeff

said: "Doctor, we will help in any

way we can. We only want to help

record of Jeff's ancestry, Pollen con-

In an effort to acquire a complete

search for the abnormal gene.

our children.'

BOOKS

HANNAH'S HEIRS: The Quest for the Genetic Origins of Alzheimer's Disease

By Daniel A. Pollen. 296 pages. \$25. Oxford University Press. Reviewed by

David Armstrong

THOUGH the cause of Alzheimer's disease remains unknown, researchers have made a number of important discoveries that have helped us to understand the molecular and genetic basis of this disease. "Hannah's Heirs" chronicles the search to discover an abnormal gene for familial Alzheimer's disease. Throughout this scientific saga, Daniel A. Pollen, a neurologist of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, blends suffering and courage with a clear account of the advances of

the mysteries of this disease. disease. Hannah's children and ready developing signs of Alz-firmed. To a large extent, this book grandchildren traveled throughout Russia and eventually to the Unit-surmised that Jeff's relative youth extended family, whose courage,

By Robert Byrne

year-old women's world champion,

won the match against Nana lose-

liani of Georgia.

loseliani used the supersharp

Classical Variation against Jun's

King's Indian Defense throughout

the series. This game followed

sion of the Greek language and its expressions strengthen this."
(Michael Kallenbach, [HT]

Alzheimer's is a slowly progresimpairs memory, attention and judgment. In the United States an estimated 4 million people suffer contemporary science as he follows researchers and their race to solve \$90 billion for medical bills, nursing Pollen immediately realized Hannah was born in Russia in ductivity. By the middle of the next tree for studies on the ger

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ed States, carrying this dreaded dis-meant that he had the familial form ease and enduring a "personal bio-logical holocaust."

meant use ne nad the taminal form of the disease, which is inheritable and represents approximately 10 to and represents approximately 10 to 15 percent of Alzheimer's cases. But sive degenerative brain disease that what was significant about Jeff's visit was that he carried with him a detailed pedigree documenting the occurrence of Alzheimer's disease in

Pollen immediately realized the and home care costs, and lost pro- importance of Jeff and his family the mid-1800s. In middle life she century the number is expected to Alzheimer's. Although excited developed difficulty with recent memory and eventually with her personal care. Of her nine children, four were affected with the same results of the financial structure of the structure of the financial structure of the structure of the financial structure of the

tacted Jeff's referring physician, Charles, a pathologist and Hannah's grandson, Charles had meticulously charted the family's medical histories over several generations and across continents. With these priceless records, molecular geneticists could begin their search for the gene that had affected Hannah's heirs.

Charles also gave Pollen data from studies his family had partici-pated in since the mid-1950s, including investigations attempting to link Alzheimer's disease to specific blood groups and to identify a viral cause for the disease. As Pollen describes these earlier studies, he provides a rich historical perspective of Alzheimer's research. He also provides an interesting account of how science, government and individuals worked together to increase public awareness of Alzheimer's disease. As a result the National Institute of Aging was formed, as were organizations offering support to patients

and care givers.
"Hannah's Heirs" reveals that the search to understand the genetics of Alzheimer's disease has been long and arduous, involving many scientists over several decades. With Alois Alzheimer's exploration of the brains of patients with prescaile dementia providing an apcan prise bishop, but marshaled more troops against the king with 27...Ng6! 28 Bo4 Qh4 before anpropriate backdrop, Pollen gives a penetrating account of competitive science and the race to identify the swering 29 Ral with 29...gf 30 Qf2 gene for familial Alzheimer's disease. Throughout this account Pol-len details high technology and im-After 31 Qel, however, Jun carelessly threw in a check with 31...Qb1? Ioseliani meekly retreatportant breakthroughs in

molecular genetics.
For Hannah's family the race culed with 33 Kg1 and Jun now took the correct course with the straightforward, overwhelming 33...Nf4!
On 34 Bf1? Bh6 35 Ra8, Jun ended all resistance with 35...Qh1 36 Kf2 Nh3! 37 Kg3 (or 37 gh Qf3 38 Kg1 Qh1mate) Bf4 38 Kg4 h5 (38...Nf2 39 Qf2 h5mate would have saved a more). Idealized the minated in the fall of 1992 when researchers decisively linked the ab-normal gene to a marker on Chronormal gene to a marker on Chro-mosome 14. Although these studies have not yet identified a specific gene responsible for familial Alz-heimer's disease, researchers hope to discover it within several years.

Pollen has written a compelling medical detective story that, for all its scientific complexity, never fails to remind us of the human toll of Alzheimer's disease. Charles did not inherit the abnormal gene, but four of his siblings did, and we are deeply moved by his anguish over them. "This is a story that had to be told," said Ben, another of Han-nah's great-grandsons. "Our aspi-rations were transcendent, but because it involved people it could not be told without tears."

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valves," said a planetary engineer who asked

not to be identified. "The valves were never

intended to be operated that way." He was

referring to the assumption that the valves would have to operate only for five days, not for

11 months, and not in such cold temperatures,

tractors, were regarded as assembly line items

that had been proven in other spacecraft. But

they had operated only in the relative warmth

of near-Earth orbit, investigators said, never in

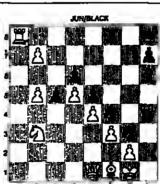
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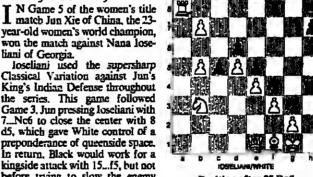
Game 3. Jun pressing loseliani with 7...Nc6 to close the center with 8 d5, which gave White control of a preponderance of queenside space. In return, Black would work for a kingside attack with 15...f5, but not before trying to slow the enemy aggrandizement with 9...a5.
Jun played 10...Nd7 11 Rb1 f5

and drew in Game 3, but now she shifted to 10...Bd7. Jun did not as once follow through on her kingside attack, but pnt another obstacle in loscliani's way with 17...c5. On 18 de Bc6, Black's pressure against the e4 and a4 pawns would have made it diffi-cult for White to gain the initiative.

After 21 Nb5 Bb5 22cb, there was no time for delay because 23
a5, 24 ab. 25 Na5 and 26 Nc6
would be positionally powerful.

Jun shot 22...g4 23 a5 g3! to hreak

So Ioseliani threw everything into her queenside attack with 25 ab Ra2 26 Qa2 fg 27 b7. In any case, 27 Be3? Nd5! 28 ed Qb4 29 open the king position. Or. 24 hg Nh5! 25 gf et 26 Qel, Jun would have activated ber attack with

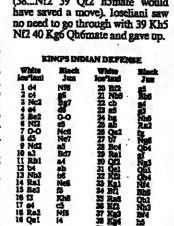


Position after 35 Ras

26...Ng6, 27...Be5 and 28...Ng3. 26...Ng6, 27...Be5 and 28...Ng3. Moreover, winning a pawn with 25 g4 Ng3 26 Bg3 fg 27 Qe1 Bh6 28 Qg3 would have proven to be a disaster after 28...Be3 29 Kh1 Rf6 30 g5 Qg8 31 Qg4 Bg5 32 g3 Rg6 33 Qd7 Bf4! 34 g4 Rh6 35 Kg2 Rh2 36 Kg1 Qg5 37 Rf2 Be3! 38 Kh2 Qh4 39 Kg2 Qf2 40 Kh3 Bf4, which forces mate. forces mate.

Rel Bh6! 30 Bc4 Be3 31 Re3 Nf4! is annihilating.

Jun was in no hurry to seize the



David Armstrong, an associate professor at Georgetown University Medical College, wrote this for The

Washington Post.

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Bosnia Plea: Diplomatic Victory for Paris

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

PARIS - Never shy about playing the maverick in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, France's insistence that a reluctant alliance address the Bosnian war for its position. Noting that NAon Monday reflected both a desire. to show political leadership in Enrope and a need to convince public opinion at home that it is working. TO's credibility was at stake, howto end the conflict
Britain, Germany and the Unit-

ed States had been eager to keep the focus of NATO's summit meeting in Brussels on the alliance's new ous." Partnership for Peace with Eastern Europe's emerging democracies. They apparently feared that discussion of the Balkan crisis could ex-

diers stationed in the former Yngo-slavia, said the issue should not be ignored. On Monday, President general Butrus Butros Ghali, wounded in the Balkans.

BRUSSELS — President Bill Clinton greeted Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl by jovially noting the German leader's sizeable girth.

"I was thinking of you last oight, Helmut, because I

watched the sumo wrestling."

Mr. Clinton quipped, grasping Mr. Kohl's arms teasingly. It may not have been the most

diplomatic thing to say, but Mr. Clintoo quickly covered his

battle against extra weight, Mr. Clinton explained, "You and I

are the biggest people here and we're still 100 pounds too light."

familiar bantering terms as the president met with members of

the German delegation. As offi-cials were identifying themselves

to Mr. Clinton, Mr. Kohl inter-

jected with a smile, "And I'm the

Some bleary-eyed Belgian

commuters did a double take

during rash hour early Monday, spotting the president of the United States jogging in the in-

Some even slammed on the

brakes when they recognized the figure in the all-white outfit, ere-

German chancellor."

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François Mitterrand urged his col-leagues to reiterate NATO's will. that military intervention was any the people there to kill each other ingness to launch air strikes to protect international peacekeepers.
On Monday night, it appeared that France had won U.S. backing

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ever, President Bill Clinton told the leaders that, if a new warning were issued, "those who attack Sarsjevo must understand that we are seri-

According to the draft of a statement to be issued Tuesday, the alliance will describe the present situa-

Clinton Weighs In With Kohl

And Brussels Commuters Catch President on the Run

It just wouldn't do for a presi-

At Zaventem Airport on Sim-

day morning, it was not just Air

NATO NOTEBOOK

Force One but its identical twin,

another specially outlitted 747, that touched down to disgorge

cret Service agents, brought such

a redundancy of expertise that if

Mr. Clinton tires of his national

security adviser-and secretary of

state, he need only turn to the

Even the official delegation,

which includes 79 staff members

from the White House alone, was

preceded to Brussels by three

separate advance groups, includ-ing one that arrived two weeks

Its daily efforts to orchestrate

every detail of Mr. Clinton's visit.

have been a source of not a little

strain in a capital that is home to

the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

tion, and in which the United.

States maintains three ambassa-

dors.

for drivers heading into the city, it is in my day, said Smart

At 'daybreak,' Mr. Clinton Exenstat, the former Carter administration official who is now

went in his presidential limeu-sine to a leafy park, Bois de la the U.S. ambassador to the Eu-Cambre, where he jogged for half ropean Union, "and there's nev-

ago and never left. ...

deputies of each.

dent to travel alone.

Compiled by Our Stoff From Disperches an hour, circling the park's lake

tracks to include himself in the the American entourage.

The passengers, well over 300 of them along with scores of Se-

closer. He noted that negotiation until the last man?" Mr. Mitteroffered the only solution "as long rand asked last week. "Should we as states are unwilling to use force stay on and be a target for those

that it was up to the UN Security Conneil to order the use of force.

"It is the council that gives a mandate to NATO, just as it may not give one," he said, adding that "a declaration by President Clinton does not suffice."

While France can claim a small diplomatic victory at NATO, its more immediate problem at home sion of the Balkan crisis could ex-pose embarrassing rifts among the threaten an strikes to prevent the foreign continent in a UN peace-strangulation of Sarajevo, the safe keeping force that is increasingly But France, which has 6,000 sol-areas and other threatened areas of caught in the cross fire between the Bosnia and Herzegovina." warring factions. So far, 18 French
The United Nations secretary soldiers have been killed and 268 warring factions. So far, 18 French

er been a more complicated stop from a logistical point of view.

One aspect of the trip that no one at the White House will dis-

cuss is exactly what it will cost U.S. taxpayers, although they ac-

knowledge that the best guess for the cost of keeping Air Force One in the air is \$26,000 an hour.

The roughest of guides can be found in the trip's cost to news

organizations, who will pay \$830,000 just to fly aboard a

chartered Northwest Airlines

Even that figure is so sensitive that the White House Corre-spondents Association began the

trip by trying the kind of damage

control more often practiced by

As part of the airline's first-

class service, reporters were told when they boarded the craft Sat-

urday morning, four masseuses would fly on the trip's last leg to

help ease nine days worth of neck and shoulder strains.

Nothing doing, said George Condon, the Copley Newspapers correspondent who is president

of the organization. He said he

would rather spurn the free back rubs than risk the embarrass-ment of their disclosure. Mr.

Condon said an informat poll

found that a majority of his col-

he said Sunday, adding that he had been assured that White

House travel planners had noth-

leagues on board agreed.

ing to do with the offer.

the groups its members cover.

747 to each of the five stops.

and, up to now, they have been who leave death? Both are computating to do so."

During a visit to Paris, Mr. Butos Ghali also reminded NATO

Army officer who commands the

Army officer who commands the 30,000-strong UN force in former Yogoslavia, has repeatedly drawn French attention to the inadequacy of the peacekeeping effort in frequent interviews on French television and radio.

At the same time, French nflicials often complain that the United States and other European governmeous are not sharing the peacekeeping burden. The United States has refused to send ground troops to Bosnia until a peace agreement is in place. Only Britain has sent a contingent comparable to that of France.

During the latest wave of shelling of Sarajevo, however, the government has been under pressure by French public opinion to act. According to one recent poll, the French public now favors direct military intervention. On New Year's Eve, many people in France lit candles outside their windows to remember the victims of Sarajevo.

Political experts said that, with France now closer to NATO than at any time since de Gaulle withdrew French forces from the alliance's integrated military command in 1966, the government would have been sharply criticized if the Brossels summit meeting had brushed aside the Bosnian war.

By taking the lead in pressing for tougher international action, France also has been able to show political leadership within a Euro-pean Unino that claims to be ready to adopt a common foreign policy but that in practice has been both divided and paralyzed by the Bal-kan conflict.

Mitterrand Rules Out NATO Role

PARIS - President François Mitterrand has ruled out any possibility that France might rejoin the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's integrated military com-

NATO summit meeting in Brus-sels, Mr. Mitterrand made his first ess statement no defense sinc 1988.

European defense strategy.
NATO's "first priority is to take into account Europe's identity" in

drawing up a truly European iden-tity on defense, followed by a joint

defense and security policy capable of leading to a real joint defense strategy," Mr. Mitterrand said.

He added that during NATO's Rome summit meeting in 1991,

the Western European Umon.
"These principles have not changed," be said. "The WEU is, moreover, clearly designed to be a

European Union."

De Gaulle took France out of NATO's integrated military com-

our particular military situation within NATO," Mr. Mitterrand

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Mrs. Albright and President Havel of the Czech Republic, discussing the pros and cons of Partnership for Peace on Monday in Prague.

Prague Is 3d to Back Partnership Plan

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Pau Service
PRAGUE — The Clinton administration's high-powered campaign in persuade four East European countries to accept its go-slow approach toward their integration into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization appears to have

largely accomplished its mission. But in the process, it has shattered a fledgling

regional security alliance, The Czech Republic on Monday became the third nation to express its unequivocal support for the U.S.-initiated Partnership for Peace plan for progressively closer military coopera-tion with NATO, without guarantees for its security and full membership that it had initially someht

After a meeting with the U.S. administration's two special envoys, Madeleine K. Al-bright and General John M. Shalikashvili. Foreign Minister Josef Zieleniec of the Czech Republic said, "We are fully convinced this project opens for us the possibility to become a member of the alliance.

"We hope that this is a step which could add something oew to the security architecture in Europe," he said.

At a press conference Monday, Mrs. Albright, ambassador to the United Nations and a member of Mr. Clinton's cabinet, said she was pleased with the "enthusiastic reception" that the U.S. proposal received to Prague and in two of three other East European capitals she has visited with General Shalikashvili. He is chair-

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. U.S. officials said that Czoch leaders, including those in parliament, had said they would change this year's projected balanced budget in accept a 1 percent deficit in order to finance the local cost involved for their participation to joint military exercises and planning with NATO.

This was the most concrete offer made by any of the four East European nations so far. It highlighted how, after initial doubts and criticisms, they are openly competing to see which one will become the first partner to the new military cooperation program.

In fact, the Czech Republie's leaders say they are striving to become the first to joio the Partnership for Peace program and have rejected efforts by Poland to formulate a commoo stand by the Visegrad Group, which includes Hungary and Slovakia.

The group was formed in early 1991 at the initiative of Hungary and was meant to serve both as an instrument for lobbying for entrance into the European Union and as a basis for uilding a regional political, economic and mil-

After the Slovak part of Czechoslovakia split off to form a separate nation a year ago, it

Group, which is named after a town oorth of

Hungary, the Czech Republic and Puland are widely regarded as the most advanced politically and economically of all the former Communist-dominated East European nations and those most likely to be accepted as the first members to the Partnership for Peace program.

The plan requires each country to sign iodependently a "framework document" involving various political and military commitmeous. and to proceed with a program of military cooperation at a pace and scope of its own

This makes it difficult, if oot impossible, for all four nations to proceed together, thus undermining any common security arrangements the Visegrad group might have attempted. In Budapest on Saturday, Foreign Minister

Geza Jeszenszky became the first to welcome the Partnership for Peace initiative, calling it an important way station oo the road to our full integration into the Euro-Atlantic security

Then, on Sunday, Slovakia's leaders also co-dorsed the plan, saying that their fears of Hun-garian expansionism were the prime reason for their decision, according to U.S. officials.

Poland campaigned the hardest for initial NATO security guarantees and membership and has been the last of the Visegrad countries to openly support the partnership plan.

UKRAINE: Clinton Unveils Accord on Nuclear Arms

Continued from Page 1

niport there late on Wednesday night with President Leonid M. Kraychuk of Ukraine, who will later travel to Moscow for a signing ceremony on Friday with Mr. Clin-ton and President Boris N. Yeltsin

The agreement could still fall apart; Mr. Kravchuk has failed in the past to bring the Ukrainian parliament along with him. This time, Mr. Clinton said, "we have no reason to doubt the ability of the president to keep the commitment that he is prepared to make."

A Clintoo administratino Ukraine specialist said that all the warheads would have to be out of

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plans to expand its cooperation with Ukraine, "especially in the economic area." Mr. Clinton said that the agree-

To The last

ment covered 176 missiles and 1,500 warheads. But his experts later amended those figures. There are in fact 175 missiles, they said, in-cluding older SS-19s, which may be

in March, the specialist said, Mr. missiles, plus about 600 more for Kravchiul has pledged to resubmit air-launched cruise missiles. for ratification the strategic arms. The missiles would be disman-

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starting to fall apart after poor maintenance, and newer SS-24s.

non in the Noisear Nonproliferation Treaty.

As a result of the agreement, Mr. carriched nuclear fuel would be required to said, the United States moved. There or in the United plans to expend its constants. States or both, it would be blended with other materials to create less highly enriched fuel of the type used in nuclear power plants.

It would then be sold by the United States Enrichment Corp., which maintains a market throughout the world. Proceeds from such sales, which

would take place over a period of about 20 years, would go to Russia,

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In an interview oo the eve of the

He said NATO's main priority was to develop a common West

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Community, now the European
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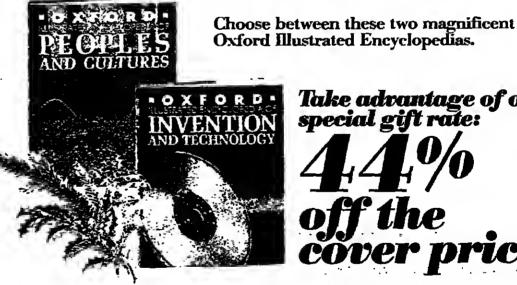
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Familiar and Useless

You can taik about change all you want and keep repeating the changers' mantra ("This is the '90s"), but the news of the moment strongly suggests that some things are forever. The gems we have in mind are not diamonds, however; they are sentiments reportedly held in high places on both sides of the Atlantic and, as always, expressed by their proprietors as if they were original thoughts and apt ones at that. There are two of these we have in mind. We'll start with the

one concerning foreign affairs.
As it is said that there is a "chattering class" and a "political class," so there seems also to be a "source class" in the world, and this has long been evident whenever the "whither NATO" subject of American relations with Europe has come into the news. Thus by Sunday the reigning gripe was back in the papers and on the networks: America's European allies were experiencing (yet another) spell of nerves, owing, as usual, to their fears that the United States was abandoning its "leadership" of the West.

This one is at least as old as the Western alliance itself. But, interestingly, in all its permutations over the years it has rarely been accompanied by some corollary concept of European "followership," mainly because in reality none exists, and, anyway, when the complaint is not about lack of American leadership it tends to be about American strongarm tacrics. What does exist in reality is a pretty consistently practical and, naturally. often quarrelsome working relationship between the United States and its European allies. Its rituals by now include not just regularly scheduled meetings of the ministers and leaders of these countries, but also great, patronizing sighs of despair expressed by the European source class whenever one of these meetings nears. In their vocabulary, all American presidents (off the record, bien sur) are both are to policy. either fools or maniacs — until such time as

they are superseded in office by another fool or maniac and are retroactively cited as a model of good alliance leadership.

We mention all this by way of suggesting

that it would really be dumb for Clinton administration leaders to make decisions about European affairs on the basis of this ritualistic complaint. But if you want to talk about dumb, you have to consider the foolishness of following the implied direction of the other old chestnut in the news at the moment, the domestic one. It has arisen in the context of the Whitewater saga, is as old as scandal itself in the age of multimedia and deserves a place in one of those anthologies of famous last words, next to something like "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." It is: "This will be a two-day story."
Evidently, this prescription for disaster has been heard rolling around the inner councils of the administration in recent days, even though, as a political Rx, it is probably re-sponsible for more death and destruction in wernment than anything since the Seven Deadly Sins. As now, the tempting, insidious observation has generally been accompanied by the thought that a masterful showing (anywhere) in foreign or national security policy would blow the trouble away. It is not just that this has never happened. (The Awful Thing, whatever it is, always comes back.) It is that believing the two-day-story nostrum to be true, administrations regularly take actions to suppress curiosity and the flow of informanon that, inevitably, make the two-month or two-year problem they have incurred greatly,

sometimes terminally worse.

So much for change. These two tired old sayings have been around forever, and, so far as we can tell, have never done anyone any good. Real change would be a White House that had the wit to see what shaky guides

THE WASHINGTON POST.

Get On With the Deal

The lengthening delays in the Middle East peace talks are disheartening to Israelis, Palestinians and others around the world whose hopes soared with the announcement of the historic September framework peace agreement. Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization resumed talks on Monday on the transition to Palestinian rule in Gaza and Jericho. Quick agreement is unlikely, though the first Israeli troop withdrawals are now nearly a month overdue.

Many who thrilled to the prospect of peace knew that the details would be particularly devilish because the framework left so many points intentionally vague. Still, both sides accepted the core principle of expanding Pal-estinian self-rule under a PLO flag. How then did the atmosphere become so acrimonious, with Israel now openly challenging PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's reliability and legitimacy as a negotiating partner?

One reason is that both sides have been

using the discussion of supposedly technical details to reargue basic questions like Palestinian statehood and sovereignty. The framework agreement excludes statchood for the present interim autonomy period. But it points in the direction of eventual statehood by recognizing Palestinian nationality and PLO political authority.

But the main problem is that both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Mr. Arafat have tried to sbore up domestic political support by exploiting supposed political vulnerabilities in the other's camp. Mr. Arafat calculates that Mr. Rabin needs an agreement even more desperately than be does. Mr. Rabin calculates that Mr. Arafat has been

seriously weakened by internal challenges to his autocratic rule of the PLO. Mr. Arafat is trying to refute charges by militant nationalists that he has sold out state-

bood in exchange for Jericho and Gaza, which

have many people but few resources. So he has been pressing to draw boundaries for Jericho that include some of the Dead Sea's mineral wealth, to limit the visibility of Israeh soldiers and to give Palestinian border guards the main responsibility for poticing borders.

Mr. Rabin is eager to reassure Israeli con-servatives and centrists that he has not yet conceded a Palestinian state. He resists Mr. Arafat's ever changing demands, in part on legitimate security grounds but also because be thinks that be can now afford to let Mr.

Mr. Rabin showed in September that the most effective way to rally Israeli opinion is to move ahead boldly on the peace front. Mr. Arafat, instead of trying to quiet his people with symbolic victories that the Israelis are not prepared to concede, needs to listen more carefully to the Palestinians who want a more democratic PLO.

Broadening and democratizing the PLO is important, not just for idealistic reasons but to provide political outlets for Palestinian opponents of Mr. Arafat and the peace agreement who might otherwise turn to terrorism. But it is up to Palestinians, not Israelis, to achieve that democratization.

In reality, the two leaders have bound their political fates together and they both know it. As Mr. Rabin acknowledged to reporters last week: "We cooked this food together, and we will have to find a way ether to solve differences."

Israel's leaders learned long ago that the PLO was an undemocratic organization led hy a mercurial and unaccountable autocrat. Mr. Rabin bargained with it nonetheless because be understood that the PLO, flawed as it is, is Israel's best available Palestinian partner. Israel's responsibility now is to see through the deal it made with Mr. Arafat. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Who Really Believes the Bosnians Don't Matter?

N EW YORK — Madeleine Albright, the U.S. delegate to the United Nations, went last Thursday to a garbage dump ontside Vukovar in Serbian-occupied Croatia. At that site Serbian forces are believed to have buried the bodies of 200 Croatian hospital patients they billed efter camputing Vukovar.

killed after capturing Vukovar. The mass grave was "a symbol of the Yugoslavian war's inhumanity," Mrs. Albright said. But Vukovar is a symbol of something else, too: the American and European weakness that has encouraged the Serbs in their campaign of terror.

When Serbian forces attacked Vukovar in 1991, reducing the city to rubble, intervention by a small NATO force would have stopped the aggression that went on to genocidal folling in Bosnia. That is not just my belief. It is the judgment of General John Galvin, the former NATO supreme allied commander in Europe.

General Galvin told the House Armed Services Committee last May that there were two points when the United States and NATO could have persuaded the Serbs to call off their aggres-sion. The first was when they bombarded Dubrownik, Croatia's port on the Adriane, in 1991.
The second was the onslaught on Vukovar,
"In the destruction of Dubrownik," he testified,

"I believe we could have sent the U.S. 6th Fleet, or we could have sent the standing Naval Force Mediterranean into the Adriatic, and with very little military action we could have shown the determination of Western nations, and indeed the By Anthony Lewis

United Nations, that this did not get out of hand."
At Vukovar, he said, "if we had put a relatively
small amount of forces on the ground at that time, we could again probably have stopped what has grown into an enormous crisis."

But there was none of the "determination" that

General Gaivin said could have been shown. The American president, George Bush, showed only weakness. European leaders were equally feeble. The predictable result was to encourage the demagogue who leads Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic, in his appeal to extreme Serbian nationalism. If history has any lesson, it is that racist dictators

feed on the outside world's weakness. The American and European failures in 1991 were as grave policy misjudgments as any in the 40 years of the North Atlantic Alliance. Yet none of the principals has had the courage or decency to admit responsibility for actions that allowed geno-cide to flourish: not Prime Minister John Major, not Mr. Bush, his secretary of state, James Baker, or his national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft.

Mr. Scowcroft had a piece in The New York Times last week (IHT, Jan. 6), written with Richard Haass, laying out what American foreign policy should be. In it he dismissed Bosnia as a place where U.S. interests are "less than vital." Does Brent Scowcroft see the pictures of civil-ians slaughtered in Sarajevo? Does he know that

Serbian gunners have intensified their shelling as if to thumb their noses at this week's NATO summit meeting? Does he believe it is of little consequence that NATO promised to bomb the Serbs if they

went on strangling Sarajevo but has done nothing?
"At present the greatest threat to stability and order in Europe is in Bosnia," Senator Bob Dolesaid on Friday. He added that the Serbian attacks on Sarajevo were "a direct challenge to NATO to back its rhetoric with action." Can anyone really feel to research.

fail to perceive the truth of those statements?

One State Department official who had a part in the Bush policy on Yugoslavia has had the courage to recognize the disaster. That is Warren courage to recognize the disaster. That is warren Zimmermann, a Foreign Service officer for 33 years, who was the U.S. minister in Moscow and ambassador to Yugoslavia. Like his chiefs in the Bush administration, he thought it was best to try to hold Yugoslavia together. But by late 1991 he saw that the policy had encouraged the worst in Mr. Milosevic and was bankrupt.

Last week Warren Zimmermann resigned, in part in disgust at the failure of the United States to act against the alaughter in Bosnia. He was the fifth and by far the highest-ranking Foreign Service officer to quit on that issue.

To make a grave mistake in foreign policy is bad

enough. To repeat it is worse. How keg will President Bill Cinton, like Brent Scowcroft, go on pretending that the destruction of American and NATO credibility in Bosnia does not matter?

The New York Times,

Give NATO Realistic Tasks and Don't Enlarge It By Frederick Bonnart

B RUSSELS—The present summit is probably NATO's most important meeting since the alliance was founded in March 1949. On it hangs not only NATO's future existence but the ability of the international com-

munity to shape a civilized world.
In November 1991, NATO leaders announced a new security architecture based on the start of an era of general prosperity in democracy and the rule of law. But one bloody unchecked conflict after another has demonstrated the unwillingness of its members to not affect their vital interests. The Brussels summit needs to face up to realities of the world as it has developed. It should state future requirements in relation to real aims that

The first major test of the alliance after the end of the Cold War, the intervention in the Gulf, was technically a resounding success but produced a misleading impression. Although carried out in the name of the United Nations by interested countries" under American leadership, it

NATO has the capacity to achieve.

was, in all but name, a NATO operation, in cooperation with local forces. It appeared to show that no power on earth could resist the alliance in the execution of Security Council resolu-tions to maintain the principles of the

United Nations Charter.
In reality, the "interested countries" applied full force only to the degree that their immediate interests were concerned; they could not afford to let Saddam Hussein get his hands on Ku-wait's oil. Humanitarian challenges such as the massacre of Kuwaiti civilians or the brutal repression of Kurdish and Shiite minorities - which should have provided the true justification - received a lukewarm re-sponse and have yet to be settled.

The successful action led to the disastrous errors of the war in Yugoslavia. The gap between the intention to preserve the achievements of the Cold War victory and the will to carry that intention out became a chasm.

Having failed to agree to intervene in the early stages when action could

have stopped the disaster, the allies tried to salve their consciences by providing humanitarian supplies and spousoring one peace negotiation after another. It can be argued that these actions serve mainly to prolong the agony of the innocent civilians caught in the cross fire of the forces of local

about Western will to intervene. This lesson should be fully absorbed by the summit when it makes its declaor the miletif need is lot a creat hle international system to maintain peace and lay the basis for a just existence for the populations of the whole of Europe. It can be achieved only if NATO makes the necessary arrangements with the Central and East European countries to satisfy their security concerns and at the same time comes to an understanding with Russia about common limits

and mutual objectives.
Above all, NATO must remain intact as a strong cohesive organization with clearly defined aims.

European and Baltic countries for admission to NATO are understandable. However, they are not under threat, and there is no sense in committing NATO to security guarantees against

and introduce common procedures and, eventually, harmonization of ar borders are gnafan teed not only by international and national agreements but above all by the imminent danger that any aggres-sion or even undue pressure would present to NATO's present members. Enlargement of the organization would mean dilution and, consequently, loss of strength. It would eventually transform NATO into a security organization nization for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Emope, without cohesion or leadership, commor

resources or capacity for unified deci-sion-making and subsequent action. It is far more important for the security of aspiring as well as actual members to maintain and reinforce the clements from which the alliance

derives its strength: its unity and its integrated military structure.

An understanding with Russia is an essential complement to these arrangements. Russia's interest in what it calls its "near abroad" is natural and chardless. and should be recognized. In return, an equivalent recognition would be required regarding NATO's "near abroad." While Russia's influence and interests could be accepted be-youd its eastern and southeastern borders, this cannot apply to its western and southwestern neighbors. Realistic sims for NATO are limit-

ed and may fall short of previous aspirations for an immediately better of the alliance as it exists today. They will provide the secure basis from which further advances can be made.

The writer is editor of NATO's Sixteen Nations, an independent military journal published in Brussels. He contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

The aim of a "common foreign and defense policy" is still on the books, and it is coming near to achievement in a common policy of do-nothing.

Threats by France, Belgium, Canada and others to pull out their contributions to the UN force if there isn't currently nonexistent dangers.

Agreements on Partnership for Peace will enable those entering into them to participate in NATO activities, including training and exercises, a settlement by spring are obviously meant to cow the Bosnian Muslims into accepting what little they can now get through negotiations. The threats have to be taken seriously in help them restructure their forces, view of the refusal to act against the intense increase of the gratuitous bombardment of Sarajevo after the cynical promise of a Christmas truce, and the provocative blockages or confiscation of aid deliveries to civilians.

The frustration and disgust of military men on the spot is understandable. They are not only being made to look impotent and witless; it has to be asked if their mission of "protecting humanitarian relief and certain civilian zones" is not simply adding to the agony and duration of war.
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Their Voice

By Flora Lewis

PARIS — The Europe enthusiasts .

Cold Warriors, as though their cause

were out of date. The Treaty of Maas-tricht has taken effect, but in an at-

mosphere of end of an era, not the

start of a new one.

The conventional explanations for

The conventional explanations for this apparent resignation are (1) that the end of Soviet menace reduced the incentive for "building Europe," (2) the recession, and (3) the failure to stop war in ex-Yugoslavia.

But it was not Moscow that inspired the idea of Europe, it was the need to end old rivalues and mean accordance in a changed world.

new challenges in a changed world.

The recession lowers sights and narrows the focus of ambitions, but

nobody imagines that any European

state can reverse it effectively on its own. And the failure in Yugoslavia is due to too little, not too much, will to

make Europe count.

No doubt the badly prepared, politically mishandled approach to European Union played a role in creating the impression of hangover once the ceremony was celebrated. That does not explain why the leaders who were so eager to achieve it seem to have so reager to achieve it seem to have

renounced the effort to give it vibrant

ulation was about having been able to

achieve it without provoking a grave European crisis. It was enough that

Last year's currency npheavals have been contained, and the Euro-pean Monetary System is functioning

almost as if the rules had not been

relaxed. But there is scarcely any talk

now about moving on toward eco-

nomic convergence and preparing for the still ostensibly valid goal of a

look the other way, in the flagrant case of Bosnia and the looming cases

further east. The European discus-sion on Bosnia is no longer about what can be done but how to get out.

French Defense Minister François

Leotard points out that in the two and

a half years that the Yugoslav wars have been going on, 200,000 people have been killed, more than in the

whole of Eastern Europe during the

whole of the Cold War. He is clearly

aware of the tremendous political, moral and even military implications that abject admission of failure would

have for Enrope, the Western alliance

and the United Nations.

the worst didn't happen.

life. They have run out of steam.

After the breathless conclusion of the Uruguay GATT round, which has yet to be ratified, all the self-congrat-

1913, although just as cruel and barbaric, ended in a matter of weeks. without benefit of peacekeeping forces and foreign aid. Mr. Leotard asks the stinging question of what must be the reaction of public opinion in the United States and Europe as television screens show the parade of well-dressed, seemingly self-confident lead-ers at the NATO summit in handsome Brussels, and immediately afterward the haggard refugees, the wounded and dying, the day's ravages of Bosnia.

Whatever the reaction there is still

Whatever the reaction, there is still no action. The French minister talks about enabling the Western European Union to take on European security tasks that NATO doesn't want, including in Eastern Europe. But he does not say why the result would be any different from the Bosnia tragedy. Asians ask whether Europe can now be discounted as a prime world force. But Europe is still here, still rich, still with great reserves of brains and power. All the reasons the European movement began in the 1950s remain valid, if anything more urgent than ever. Much has been accomplished, but it can wither away without continued momentum. The builders of Eu-

rope must rediscover their voice. C Flora Lewis.

world. But they are within the capacity

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1894: Very Old Subject

LONDON — William Hampson, formerly of Salford, who claimed to be the Queen's oldest subject, died on Tuesday [Jan. 9]. His age could never be ascertained with certainty. There was no documentary proof, but the old man maintained that he saw his 115th New Year's Day last Monday week. Hampson used to say that when a boy he heard John Wesley preach. His two sons were killed in the Criman was and four of his manner. the Crimean war and four of his uncles were in the battle of Waterloo.

1919: Immediate Issues

PARIS - On the eve of the preliminary peace conferences, the Allies are at issue on two vital questions on which discussions will be held at the first sessions next week. One is the measures to be taken with the Bolshevists of Russia, the other the lifting of the German blockade, sufficiently to allow the feeding of the people of the eastern provinces.

Both issues call for immediate attention, and until an agreement is reached upon them, such matters as the formation of a League of Na-tions, the amount of indennity which Germany must pay, the use of the high seas and kindred questions will be of secondary importance.

1944: Nearing Cassino ALGIERS - [From our New York

edition:] In a two-mile advance through the mountainous terrain of south-central Italy, the 6th Army has driven to within view of Cassino, the heavily defended German stronghold on the road to Rome. Overcoming fierce German resistance northeast of the town, American infantrymen. have reached a point from which they can look down into the streets of the communications center. Now no more than four miles from the goal toward which they have been struggling for six days, the Americans passed to the offensive again and captured the peak of Catena Vecchia.

Other Comment

Closer to a Korean Solution

A rare opportunity now exists for North Korea to trade its misguided nuclear ambitions, without too much loss of face, for some Western aid in rebuilding its economy. This might be wishful thinking, but there are many in Asia who hope that North Korean leaders will see reason, none more so than South Korea. But Pyongyang must first acknowledge -as the former Soviet Union did - that its system, after decades of wasteful misallocation of resources into a needless nuclear arsenal, is fast becoming a relic

All that the Pyongyang regime has to do is show some sincerity in winding down its belligerent military posture to receive the sort of benefits that another former U.S. enemy and bard-line state. Vietnam, is now getting. North Korea should take a leaf from the canny Hanoi leadership, which has buried past hatreds in favor of reconstructing its economy, with help from its Asian neighbors and the United States, while retaining the dominance of the ruling party. Whatever dreams Pyongyang might have of its place in the emerging world order, the reality

is that there is no place for a Stalinist

gulag in North Asia.

- Business Times (Singapore).

After months of delicate negotiations, North Korea has agreed to permit International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors to resume surveillance of its seven declared nuclear facilities. It has also expressed a willingness to resume negotiations with South Korea on efforts to denuclearize the peninsula. What North Korea still spurns, and this remains unacceptable, is IAEA inspection of two unacknowledged nuclear waste dumps whose tailings should reveal if Pyongyang has diverted sufficient atomic fuel to make nuclear bombs.

Yet seven-ninths of an agreement is better than none. It is a signal for more diplomacy. The United States can offer economic ties and diplomatic relations as a reward for good behavior. Down the road the international community can settle for nothing less than com-plete on-demand IAEA inspections, and if it takes the cancellation of U.S.-South Korean military exercises to bring Pyongyang to this point, that is a carrot ready and waiting. The Clinton administration has kept its head in handling this issue. But the danger is not over. - The Baltimore Sun.



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A Many-Splendored 'Greater China' By Gerald Segal

known for their economic pragmatism and lack of concern with ideology. Yet it seems to be East Asians who take most seriously talk of a possible clash between East West or between major religious and ethnic groups along the world's cultural fault lines.

Even more worrying is the tendency of East Asians to talk about Confucian civilization and the role of "overseas Chinese" — the 55 million Chinese living outside China, mainly in Taiwan, Hong Kong and South-east Asia. This debate over Greater China has brought to the surface barely submerged tensions about ethnicity and national identity.

Current worries in East Asia about the notion of Greater China has several reasons. The end of the Cold War shattered old ideologies and resurrected long-standing con-cerns among Chinese and non-Chinese about their roots and basic values. For many, these are questions about the very definitions of the na-

tion-states in which they live. The rise of the mainland Chinese economy, along with the continuing success of Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore, has prompted discussion about the so-called Confucian roots of success. Also, as countries in the region become more developed and interdependent they are starting to consider whether there is a cultural basis for cooperation.

The Greater China debate can allect relations between Chinese states and territories and non-Chinese nations, such as Japan and the Koreas. It is also conducted within ethnically diverse states such as Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand which have influential Chinese minorities.

Yet the concept of overseas Chinese, much like that of a Jewish diaspora, is complex. Wang Gungwu, vice chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, has argued in the case of the Chinese as Martin Kace. an American specialist on Jewish affairs, has done in the case of the Jews, that as cultural characteristics

are mixed into strong host societies, it becomes harder to identify these communities as foreign.

To what extent is it meaningful to

see Paul Keating. Australia's prime minister, as "overseas Irish." or President Bill Clinton as "overseas Eng-lish"? Nonetheless, in many East Asian societies overseas Chinese are still perceived (or misperceived) as a group whose wealth and economic power is disproportionately large and whose loyalty is suspect.

Overseas Chinese certainly command major economic power, accounting for 80 percent of foreign investment in China. In Indonesia. the world's fourth most populous state. Chinese reportedly control no to 30 percent of the economy. The influence of overseas Chinese is primanly economic. They hope to avoid a political backlash of the kind that occurred in the past in Indonesia and Malaysia where non-Chinese and predominantly Muslim majorities resent the commercial clout of the Chinese.

In Indonesia and Malaysia, local Chinese are content to get on with making money. But they are ever vigilant for signs of a flare-up of anti-Chinese sentiment.

Amid debate about the increasing power of Greater China, Indonesian and Malaysian Chinese are on edge. Hence the nervousness, especially in Indonesia, about the leaders of Singapore, where Chinese make up some three-quarters of the population, playing an active role in meetings of overseas Chinese such as the recent one in Hong Kong which brought together en-

trepreneurs from around the world. A speech at that meeting by Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's senior minister, was a model of self-effacement on behalf of overseas Chinese. But the very act of attending and speaking upset leading members of

overseas Chinese world is both natural and risky. Given its small size, it relisbes its special role in trade with China and trumpets its teaching of Mandarin. But by making much of its success, it can easily upset partners in the Association of South East Asian Nations and make regional cooperation more difficult. Consequently, Singapore will

about the notion of Greater China By far the biggest uncertainty concerns the attitude of Beijing to overseas Chinese. The mainland government seems to believe that it has some vague authority over what it sometimes calls "Chinese compatriots." In truth, whatever influence there is flows increasingly in the opposite direction.

remain circumspect and nervous

Much as West Germany undermined East Germany just by being there, being rich and engaging with fellow Germans, so overseas Chi-nese exert a pull on China. In culture, lifestyle, economics and even politics. Chinese on the mainland are learning habits that undermine the authoritarian rule of the Chi-

nese Communist Party.

The process is reinforced by the presence of overseas Chinese investurs, businessmen and visitors, and by mainland students who return from study in the West.

The Chinese are learning that they can be rich, free and still Chinese. North American or Australian Chinese demonstrate that there is no necessary Chinese cultural disposition to authoritarianism.

As the overseas Chinese exert this pull on the fabric of China, it is becoming clear to mainland Chinese that there is already more than one Chinese state. If China proves to be more a culture than a state, then Greater Chinese "unity" may prove to be built on greater diversity.

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OPINION

This Benign View of Russia Is a Dangerous Delusion

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — "Nothing is more contemptible," Joseph Alsop told me when I took up this line of work, "than a columnist without a Weltanschaume."

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A coherent worldview is tough to come by these days because the main threat to freedom has shifted from militant communism to what John Leo has named "ethnomania," more tribalism than nationalism. It is exploding around Bosnia, the test that NATO is failing, and is advancing in what used to be the Communist bloc.

Does Bill Clinton have a worldview? He may be taking one from the former Time magazine columnist Strobe Tal-

Unlike Clinton, I expect Russia — rich in resources and with an educated work force --- to return to superpowerhood and to dominate its neighbors.

bott, translator of Nikna Khrushchev's memous, a longtime Friend of Bill gaining preeminence in foreign affairs.

Judging from the president's interviews (with little help from a minddy speech in Milwaukee read for him last week by Vace President Al Gore), the Clinton-Talbott Weitanschauung includes a view of a new Russia whose foreign policy can be shaped benignly

by evidence of Western trust.

If we reassure Moscow, goes this view, that it has nothing to fear from the nearness of NATO, then Russia, as it regains its strength, will be less likely to feel the need to reassert control of its former empire. Contrariwise, if we were to seize this moment of Russian weakness to incorporate the newly freed East European nations into the NATO defense, we would only encourage the old paranoia and play into the hands of resentful Russian revanchists.

This is the diplomental set that produced the Partnership for Peace scheme. To Warsaw, Prague and Budapest, cager to join the West's mutual protection alliance, it says: Maybe, someday. Your security "affects" America's security, but it is not as vital an interest as Germany's or Turkey's. To Russian military leaders, Mr. Clinton's NATO waffle says: Don't get nervous, we only said "maybe" to the buffer states, and made no promise about when

Someday would come.

I think this seeming compromise is self-deception. That is because I see.

Russia — resource-rich, with an educated population, no longer hamstrung by collectivist ideology - returning to superpowerhood and, even if demo-

That is why I asked the president, in a recent Sanhedrin of savants, whether anybody in his administration was presenting the opposing view. Was anyone saying that if you do not bring Eastern Europe into NATO now, when Russia is weak, you will never be able to bring it in when Russia is strong and refuses to let it come in? Did anyone near him present the case that he might be making a great historic hlunder? "No one in the administration has,"

"No one in the administration has," he admitted, which is dismaying; even Lyndon Johnson had a high-level dissenter. But Mr. Clinton said he has tried to understand the contrary position, "and I think my response would be, Bill, that that development would not occur overnight... We will have a couple of years to make the judgment you just outlined. And it won't he where we'll wake up one morning be where we'll wake up one morning and it will be too late. I think there will be several mornings when we'll have the chance to take a different course."

That easy out was challenged by the columnist Richard Cohen: "But isn't it likely that, at that time, the same arguments will be raised, that you will only encourage Russian paranoia, that you will push them over the edge, and you will be in the same box?"

Whenever you make a new start." Mr. Clinton responded, "... you al-ways have these judgment calls, and in the end only history can render a ver-dict ... Is it a risk?

Of course it is, in the sense that any change you make like this is a risk. I believe the risk is smaller with the course we are taking than it would be if we tried to push to immediate

That is a false choice; a less risky alternative would be earned member-ship with published criteria and a rea-sonable timetable. The president, who sees himself as

"a force for optimism;" later sketched vision of tomorrow's Russia: "I believe if they continue as a dem-ocratic, market-oriented, reformist, noninterventionist nation, they will become in a more traditional sense,

then, a very great nation, not an empire . . Their whole history and character and texture of Russia think Russia's whole history and character and texture argue for the opposite. That is what makes

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Before the Mythical Cures By David Spiegel S TANFORD, Catifornia — The United States does not have a health care symptoms and coping with the uncertainsystem: it has a disease cure system. The public believes and many doctors

Put Care and Compassion

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behave as if most illnesses were curable. Americans think of the body as if it were a machine with replaceable parts: De-fects can be identified, removed and replaced through treatments such as or-

MEANWHILE

gan transplants, drugs and gene therapy. This is rarely the case.

The expectation of cure has led to an explosion of invasive, expensive and nften risky interventions that have at best marginal effects on survival. There has been too much focus on

diseases and too little on the people who have the diseases. Most Americans die of chronic and progressive illnesses: beart disease, stroke and cancer. Cure is the exception, not the rule. Compassion-ate care should help people live with

intellectuals seem to be leading the

charge. Those who have so rightly plumed themselves as the inheritors of

both the Enlightenment and the Great Revolution should be working for popu-

lar universal culture, trying to give it depth and breadth. But then, modern France is built on the bloody suppression of a popular uprising in 1871. Everyman

not oecessarily what Rousseau said he

PAUL SONIDAN.

is, but history only explains the paradox, it doesn't excuse dishonesty.

Wronging the Real Right

Such words as "conservative," "right-ist," "nec-Nazi" and "skinhead" are of-

ten used interchangeably in your pages,

symptoms and coping with the uncertainty and fear. Several recent studies - of metastatic breast cancer patients. lymphoma and malignant melanoma patients, and patients recovering from heart attacks — have shown that participating in support groups not only improves peopie's mood and coping skills hut may help them live longer. Unfortunately, many inexpensive group interventions are not part of standard treatment. They are offered as adjuncts to medical care. They are not reimbursed by insurance plans. although they cost a small fraction of fully covered invasive procedures.

Moreover, many of these procedures produce only marginally greater bene-lits than the tisks they incur.

Insurance companies pay huge hills for in-patient and surgical procedures regardless of efficacy, whereas little or nothing is paid for time spent helping

patients to cope with illness.

Mental health benefits have been singled out for benefit caps in the Clinton health plan. This ignores the complex interaction of mind and body that we are beginning oow to understand.

Humane care costs less than high-tech care and is what patients want and need: Americans spent \$12 billion last year out of pocket on alternative medical care.

Depression is three times as common among medical in-patients and twice as common among medical out-patients as in the geoeral population. Depression and anxiety, in turn, make

medically ill people heavier users of medical services. A study in Canada demonstrated that the least well-adjusted medically ill patients cost the health care system 75 percent more than do the best adjusted ones, largely through unnecessary primary care visits, hospital days and laboratory services.

Stress-related symptoms account for about 69 percent of all primary care vissits. If comprehensive supportive health services can be provided, costs will fall and care will improve dramatically. Surgical and other medical proce-

as if each of those groups was a variation of the same philosophy. I nooced two examples of this in your Dec. 6 edition. A Page I article, "Ex-Communists Triumph in Italy," refers to "neofascists and other consequences;" indicating an dures have made an enormous difference in people's lives. But the American health care system overvalues proce-dures at the expense of old-fashioned medical compassion and concern.

Medicine's oldest adage is "to cure rarely, to relieve suffering often and to comfort always." In this century, we have twisted that jnh description. We oced more compassion and counseling and less cutting and testing. The myth of cure is costly in human and financial terms; the price of dashed hopes is high. With a focus on care, many individuals with serious diseases can lead longer, happier and more productive lives.

The writer, a professor of psychlatry at Stanford University School of Medicine, is author of "Living Beyond Limus," about coping with serious illness. He contributed this comment to The New York Times,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let Europe See to Bosnia

Regarding the report "France Presses the U.S. to Intervene in Bosnia" (Jan. 6):

Is it not incredible that France and other West European countries should press the United States to intervene militarily in Bosnia? If a Europe of 350 million people, which manufactures some of the most sophisticated military equipment in the world, has oeither the will nor the guts to end this local war, why should the United States (and Canada) do the joh? As a Canadian, I say, let the Europeans solve their problems, and let North Americans attend to their own merous problems at bome.

GERALD R. HASTINGS.

An In-Between Alliance

Russia, for historical reasons, feels uncomfortable having a large Western military bloc too close to its frontiers. But for the small states, old and new, that have just been freed from Russia's unwelcome embrace, the possible resursence of Russian ultranationalism is nerve-wracking, too. What can be done?

Perhaps a solution might be found in the forming of a third bloc between Russia and NATO. This would comprise Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Poland, the Czech Republic. Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. They would form a defen-sive alliance, and enter into conaggression pacts with their neighbors, east and west. With more than 135 million inhabitants and a broad economic base, this would be a bloc that Russia would be leath to consider invading. This new

the idea of moving toward a common market, providing fledgling economies with a decent-sized market.

The oonaggression pact with NATO would engage each in mutual defense if Russia attacked. The pact with Russia would commit each to react in an attack by any NATO member country. Security would thus be improved without antagonizing either of the powerful neighbors, Nervous Russian geopoliticians and military planners should, indeed, be pleased to have this grouping as a buffer and an ally.

FREDERICK STARR WILDMAN. Colebrook, Connections

Hypocrisy All Around

Regarding the Other Comment item More Hypocrisy on Bosnia," (Opinion, Jan. 4) from New Straits Times:

Everything that the New Straits Times of Kuala Lumpur says about Western hypocrisy in Bosnia is true. The Western performance in ex-Yngoslavia has been disgraceful. But this commen-tary fails to mention the promises of the Islamic countries to come to the assistance of their fellow Muslims in Boscia. There were mighty pronouncements of aid, which encouraged some of us in the Western world, but they oever materialized. What happened?

K. W. EMERSON.

Everyman's Culture

Regarding "Global Culture: The Paradax of U.S. Dominance" (Opinion, Jan. 5 and 6) by David Rieff:

Mr. Rieff wonders at the paradox of

sonal values and aspirations in an elite-dominated, class-ridden, often deliberately impoverished society.

While it is not surprising that incurable

snobs, religious fanatics, aged Chinese Communists, sour ultranationalists and self-interested cultural elites should take up arms against so-called American pop-ular culture, it is surprising that French

predominance in the face of relative American economic decline. But just as

an outdated conception of national

economy masks the reality of the global

economy, a narrow fascination with the made-in-America label on cultural

products masks the reality of the univer-

sal popular values and aspirations upon

Just as Everyman buys Japanese cars

because they best express universal value

attached to superior workmanship at a

reasonable price, he admires American

popular culture because it best embodies the universal popular values of liberty and equality. Everyman puts up with the provincialism of the made-in-America

image for the same reason that the world

puts up with the outmoded language and

mores of Shakespeare: because the sub-

No matter what inanity it is packaged

stance is so much more than the image.

in, a Clint Eastwood film is always

about Everyman's earnest dignity in the

face of life's absurdity, elite dishonesty and plain human meanness. Whether

Everyman actually likes hamburgers or

not, at McDonald's it is neat and clean

which the modern world is built

and other conservatives," indicating an identity between the groups. A Page 2 item, in the World Briefs section, is titled "Rightist Youths Riot in Germanical Control of the Control of t and rich-looking; everything works; Everyman's snot-nased, squalling heats are ny." The information in the article indicates that these youths might more accuwelcome, and he doeso't have to dress in clothes he can't afford or doesn't like; rately have been described as a marauding gang of things.

Such carcless usage results in the tainting of words that once had a positive everybody is equal. All this is oot only a welcome escape from daily life, but a welcome expression of Everyman's per-

meaning. Groups that bold reprebensible views and commit heinous acts are equated with people of completely different political views. Ultimately, Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, racist street gangs and Adolf Hiller become proponents of the same ideology.

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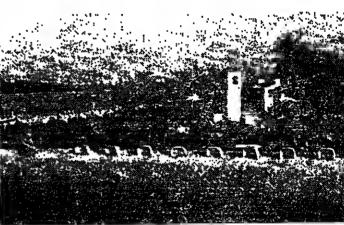
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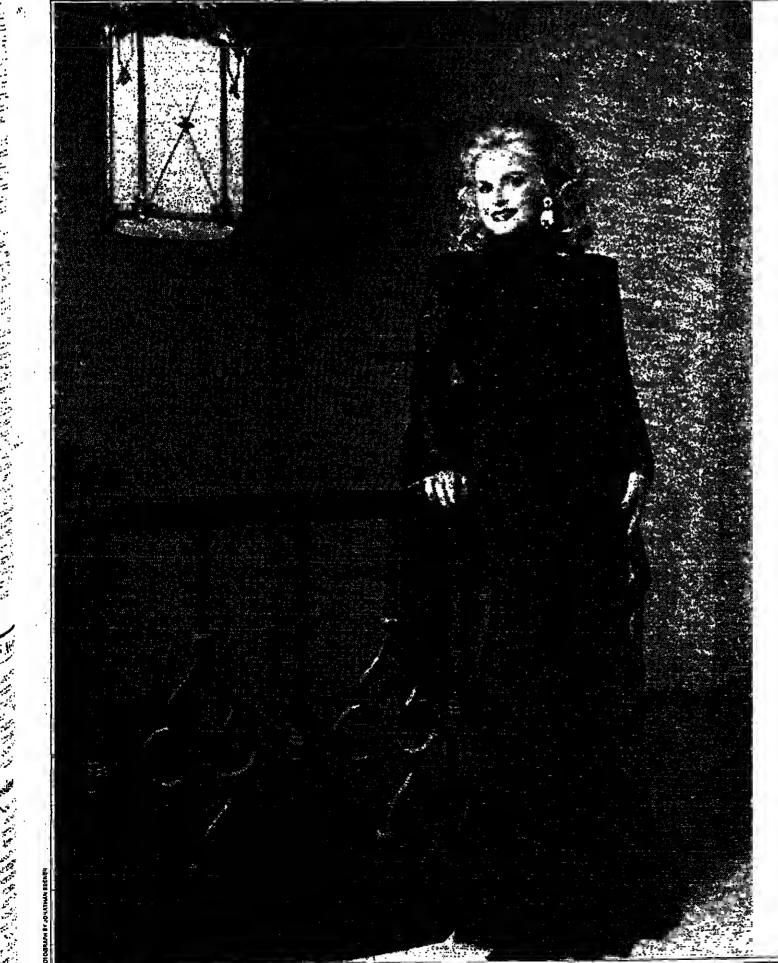
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Top, de la Renta's cashmere coat with bird's-eye tweed jacket; inset, Versace's tweed pea jacket with leather

pants; above, DKNY's silver climbing jacket and biking pants, and Krizia's elongated dandy jacket and vest.

Menswear: Americans in Milan

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

ILAN - Picture the scene on the Via della Spiga. A dashing young man cuts a bella figura in his American designer suit. American? American!

This is the season that big names from the United States are riding into Armani country. Oscar de la Renta debuts his men's designer collection in Milan on Wednesday. Donna Karan stages a fashion spectacular Thursday at Florence's Pitti Immagini Uosso show that Iollows the Milan collections.

In the 1980s, no self-respecting yuppie would be seen in his suspenders without an Italian-label jacket draped over his chair. Now, for the new annum-winter season, American designers are pitching for Wall Street clients, while Milan designers are in flight from city slick. Gianni Versace left sharp suits behind and showed wrinkled fabrics and sweet-as-candy colors in his short Mondey. colors in his show Monday.

It isn't quite T-bone steaks taking over from spaghetti. Most of Karan's and de la Renta's clothes are made in Italy—part of a strategy to bring their labels to Europe at acceptable

prices.

"We have an army of wonderful people in Italy," says de la Renta, who is making a flying visit to Milan before returning to Paris to present his couture show for Balmain.

Oscar de la Renta Pour Homme will be launched with a boutique at Saks Fifth Avenue

Downa Karan's aim is to "bring a little piece of New York" to Florence. When models on roller blades wheel down the runway against a backdrop of the Brooklyn Bridge ending in Milan's Duomo, the andience should get the message that this is menswear - American

It is the first time that Karan has shown outside the United States, and the menswear director, Linda Beauchamp, in Milan preparing the state of the the event, says that it is meant to show "what Donna is all about."

"We've made comfortable clothes that look very traditional," she says, meaning that the clothes have an easy, sporty American style but are often crafted in Italy. The show will include the DKNY (Donna Karan New York) lower-priced line of rough wear and sports clothes. The menswear line, inaugurated in 1991, is now

"I think it's normal - I don't believe in fashion wearing a flag, there is just good and bad fashion," said Versace as he unveiled three

different lines in a lofty space created by glass-ing in the courtyard of his palazzo.

But the irony is that while the American designers are going for broke with all-Italian luxury, Versace himself is destroying the myth. He showed unstructured suits in the finest cashmere, with matching sweaters made from the same yarn — but all deliberately aged and wrinkled. The clothes, and especially the pants,

were on the baggy side.
"My new mood is to wash out everything,"
he said. "We are at the end of the century, it's

U.S. designers are pitching for Wall Street clients, while Italians are in flight from city slick.

farewell to classics, everything is easy, I want a sense of future and space."

Nestling among the deluxe ruins of the sharp suit were clothes with a country twist: outfits in loden or tweed fabrics. Versus, an experimental young line, was a wild bunch of animal prints with swith suits with some long coats and a sense of lonched definance.

Krizia's show had a decadent feel - not in Krizia's show had a decadent feel — not in the rugged textured knits, which were the finest part of the collection, but in the rich-hippie velvets and long dandy jackets worn with cuffed pants. Krizia's tailoring references were to the 1960°s and '70s — a fashion era that has already been warmed over. Much fresher were the long coats with a gamekeeper feeling and the knits in patchworks and patterns, for vast sweaters or chunky vests. Here as elsewhere, cordupoy is making a strong comeback. corduroy is making a strong comeback.

"In Italy times are very tough, it will take time and I don't see much hope in the short-term," says Krizia's Aldo Pinto.
Millan's once sleek and prosperous men's

fashion industry seems to be reflecting Italy's political and social upheaval. Franco Moschino

in its third full season after being introduced exclusively at Barneys in New York.

What do the maestros of Milano think about the American invasion?

"I think it's normal — I don't believe in and fama — seaweed fronds, stamens and drops of water put under a microscope and photoprinted.

"Nature is the only fashion trend to believe in," says Moschino to explain his eco-friendly

Anthony Tarassi expresses well the new toughing-it-out Italian look. His collection of sportswear pieces, including soft leather with a rough finish and knitwear inspired by medicual armor, is luxury with a rugged face. The base is in an easy fit with shirts and jackets both hanging loose, unstructured at the shoulders, and in subtle bird's-eye tweeds and textured velvet or plaid. The colors are Milan's favorite warm browns cooled with watery green.

Fabio Inghirami Studi took a basic suit, with slightly baggy pants and square vest, then showed it in winter-weight cotton alongside traditional tweed. And there was a pinch of spice from around the world — a shawl from Ukraine, a hat from Hasidic Jews, a knit from

Okrame, a hai from rissace Jews, a kmi from Mongolia. Everything was shaken up by layering jackets, vests and big shirts.

Luciano Soprani had left behind the urban gray stone of Milan and gone to the country for inspiration: knits as bumpy as furrowed fields, mubby outment tweeds and luxurious plaid trapper shirts. The flannel shirt as soft and big as a sheatherd's smock was part of a persent as a shepherd's smock was part of a peasant look that ran wild when fringed scarves were

tied round the hips.

Iceberg's collection had a merry feel to its Batman and Snoopy motif sweaters shown in a setting like a downtown gallery opening. British designer Paul Mochrie imposed neat themes: "gamekeeper" for hairy tweeds; "The Sting" gamesceper for hary tweets; The Sing for square vests with easy pants and a 1930s flavor, "Batman" for midnight-blue velvets. It added up to sportswear with a sense of humor and fabric research from the oiled Black Watch tartan waterproofs to printed corduroy.

The first message from the Milan season The first message from the Milan season, which Giorgio Armani closes Wednesday, is of designers in flight from inten classicism. The very long jacket and the very short coat (both stopping at mid-thigh) are strong stories. There is also the long military or gamekeeper coat and a surge of rugged knitwear. And if you buy one thing next winter, it will have to be a pair of coad pants.

Day for Night for a New Generation

ARIS-From a basic Mao jacket to swanky Avenne Montaigne is a mighty fashion leap. But Michel Klein has made it. The ready-towear designer famous for making a Chineseinspired jacket the hot seller in a mail-order catalogue takes over this season at Gry Lar-oche hante couture. He will show his first collection on Jan. 18.

Klein, 36, aims to work in the grand tradition but to attract a new generation.

"I am sure there are clients for countre, but

we need to de-dramatize it," he says. "All the ceremonial can be frightening. It should be more human, less aggressive. Clients musto't be intimidated.

"It has to be luxurious - but not too rich. You have to respect the spirit of haute couture and the way of making the clothes. But it is démodé to do things that are not made to be wom."

That is the reason, says Klein, that he is ocentrating on day rather than evening clothes. He has avoided beavy fabrics, trying to give a feeling of lightness and modernity by day. For evening there are draped crepes, flat fabrics and airy effects with satin organiza. "When you have rigor by day, you need poetry at night," he says.

He designed the day wear without choosing fabrics; for evening, the materials were his inspiration. For both, he started by writing a story about what he wanted to see, creating an imagined lifestyle and series of events. The idea is to give a strong image with the day clothes and magic at night to the house, whose founder, Guy Laroche, died in 1989.

The label is exceptionally strong in Asia, cluding China, but Laroche needs to define its fashion image for the 1990s. As with other couture houses that have brought in new talent, Klein will continue to design for his own label, set up in 1981.

Klein has worked with modern, stretch, easy-fit fabrics. In conture he can include his longtime wish to cut dresses on the bias à la

There is such a rapport between the cou-turier and the fabric that just does not exist in ready-to-wear," be says. "The fabric comes alive. In pret-à-porter it is the fabric which dominates. Couture is like sculpture. And part of the myth is using an iron as a sculptor

uses a palette knife." The Paris couture season, which opens Saturday, inaugurates the purpose-built fashion complex at the Louvre. But Laroche will show more traditionally at the Ritz Hotel — because "the clothes must be seen close-up," Klein says, and you "cannot do a change of style and place that does not correspond to the intimacy of couture, which should be like a rendezvous."

The conundrum of couture in these politically correct times is that it has to be exciting enough to create an image for the house - ly decorated vacation home in Provence.



Michel Klein, taking over at Laroche, wants to "de-dramatize couture."

yet as discreet as the wealthy now desire. Klein says that today's customers are also demanding of their time: "People are busy, they are not ready to wait a month or six weeks. I'm not even sure that they want three fittings — even if it is better made. They get up in the morning and say "I want a navy suit."

In its ready-to-wear collections Klein is known for his use of basic color - not, he says, because he avoids color, but because he believes that it must be done in fine materials.

"I love color!" be explains, citing his vivid-

508-0016 95-800-877-8000 "The problem is using color in clothes. So often it wipes out the personality."

For the conture he has chosen navy, white and red, but also "Oriental colors," mixes of brown, sand and gold, and blue-mauve chif-

"People keep saying that commre is dead and that it is no longer the point of departure for fashion," he says. "But it is there to make

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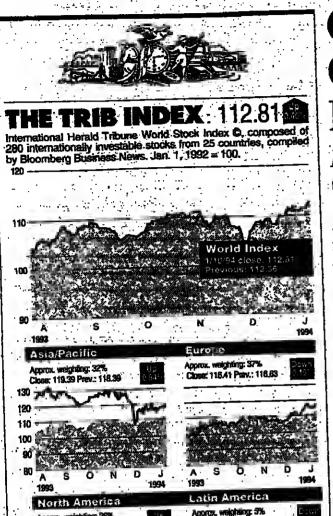






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German GDP Off In 1993

Drop Feeds Fears Of a Double Dip

WIESBADEN, Germany—
Western Germany's gross domestic
product shrank by 1.9 percent in
1993 in inflation-adjusted terms after growing by 1.6 percent in 1992,
the Federal Statistics Office said

Eastern Germany's fledgling capitalist economy grew by 6.3 per-cent while the German economy as a whole saw its gross domestic product fall by 1.3 percent.

Economists said the preliminary figures for 1993 confirmed fears of "double-dip" recession in Westem Germany that may extend through the first quarter of this

The figure for Western Germany "corresponds pretty precisely to our expectations," said Holger Schmieding an economist at Mer-rill Lynch Bank AG. "We see our fears of a double-dip recession con-

West German figures for the fourth quarter were not released on Monday but are scheduled for publication on Tuesday. Economists widely think that they will show a slight decline, of 0.3 percent to 0.5 percent, in the wake of gains in the

second and third quarter.

The German Institute for Economic Research, an independent think tank, last week challenged the view that two quarters of growth

had marked a turning point.

The statistics office had been planning to release the figures for 1993 on Tuesday but issued them after the data were leaked to a German financial news agency. The data are provisional, and more de-

cata are provisional, and more de-tails will be given on Tuesday.

Separately, the country's union for civil servants, the Deutscher Beamtenbund, has asked for 4 per-cent more pay in 1994 for West Germany's 1.84 million civil servants. The union said it also wanted the salaries of Eastern Germany's 80,000 civil servants brought more into line with pay to Western

(Reuter, Bloomberg)

Shot Across Ferry's Bow Chunnel Ticket Sales Test the Waters

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — In the last three years English Channel ferry operators have spent nearly 21 billion (\$1.49 billion) upgrading their services. Beginning on Wednesday they will get their lirst reading on whether it has all been for naught.

That is when tickets go on sale for the first land crossing of the English Channel since the Ice Ages
—Enrotunnel PLC's Le Shuttle service. The service, scheduled to start May 7, will carry 180 cars and scheduled to start May 7. their occupants from Folkestone to Calais in only 35 minutes, less than half the time the ferries take.

By 1996, Le Shnttle expects to have captured half the cross-channel tourist traffic and a quarter of the freight, with trains leaving every 15 minutes from either side at peak times.

The service will likely be overseen by Georges-Christian Chazot, the 54-year-old president of the French employment agency Adia, who according to news reports Monday, has been selected to replace Sir Alastair Morton as chief executive of Eurotunnel. Eurotunnel executives would not confirm the reports.

Round-trip Eurotunnel tickets are expected to cost between £160 and £260, for a car and however many passengers can be squeezed into it. Prices are to be announced Tuesday.

The through-rail, Eurostar service, which will take passengers without cars direct from London to Paris in three hours, and to Brussels to three hours 15 minutes, does not yet have a start-up date less vague than "sometime this summer." The passenger trains, each holding nearly 800 people, will compete with airlines.

For now, the battle between boats and trains remains all words. A spokesman for P&O Ferries. which along with Stena Sealink does the bulk of the business on the Dover to Calais route, decried Le Shuttle as being like a long subway ride. He said

that the only amenities oo offer are "a lavatory and

a light bulb." In fact, Le Shuttle will have only one toilet in every third rail carriage and will offer passengers a choice between remaining in their car or standing next to it; there will be no seats. And while each carriage will have five windows, a Eurotunnel spokeswoman conceded that their purpose is spokeswoman conceded that their purpose is strictly "psychological." in the 31 miles (50 kilometers) of tunnel.

In contrast, Stena's Brian Rees lauded his line's four new super ferries, replete with shopping

A ferry executive decried Le Shuttle as being like a long subway ride, with "a lavatory and a light bulb" as the only amenities on offer.

malls, restaurants and kiddie play areas, not to mention space for 630 cars and 1,800 passengers. "We used the same interior designer who designed the Windows on the World restaurant in New York," be crowed.

Both Stena and P&O have special restaurants

for truckers, entering to hearty appetites and fea-turing menus long on fried foods and coffee. Nonetheless, the anyantages in the battle between trains and boats belong mostly to Eurotunnel. Le Shuttle promises to get you off the road on one side of the channel and back on it at the far one side of the channel and back on it at the lar-side in 60 minutes. That is a performance that only Hoverspeed's aging fleet of four hovercraft boats can match. The hovercraft have a capacity of only 55 cars each.

The best the conventional ferries can promise is a total highway-to-highway trip of just over 100 See CHUNNEL, Page 15

Rexrodt Supports Plan to Rescue Metallgesellschaft

cue plan for Metallgesellschaft AG.
urging shareholders and creditors
to help bail out the metals coocern.

Metallgesellschaft AG.
Another major creditor voiced

to international metals markets.
It was the first time a German banks to accept the deal." oo international metals markets.

extent of its financial problems last it would agree to the terms yet, but week and announced the 3.2 billion be added: "We hope we will be able Deutsche mark (\$1.84 billioo) rescue deal to ensure its existence.

Mr. Rexrodt said it would belp to

chaft, one of Germany's largest companies, if banks agreed to approve the rescue package. "With this, the confidence in the future of the confidence in the confiden restore confidence in Metallgesells-MG can be restored," be said.

Metallgesellschaft last week anand said there could be additional losses of as much as 1.5 billion DM. AG, which is owed 539 million DM. It is seeking loans and a capital injection valued at 3.2 billion DM from creditors and shareholders.

Schimmelbusch, who was removed

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches the company's former chief finan-FRANKFURT — Economics cial officer, are under tovestigation Minister Günter Rextodt on Monint the case. Metallgesellschaft reday threw his weight behind a res-

Mr. Rexrodt said a rapid reorganization of the company — which faces bankruptcy if a rescue is not approved by Wednesday — would help protect jobs and reduce tension of international matrix markets.

minister had spoken in support of the company since it disclosed the

hanks would have to approve the

Banking sources say Bayerische Landesbank is owed 380 million nounced a loss of 1.8 hillion DM for from oil trading in the United States and said there could be additional creditor bank after Deutsche Bank Martin Kohlhaussen, Commerz-

bank's chairman, said be thought rom creditors and shareholders.

Two former executives — Heinz plan is acceptable but his bank would wait for other creditor banks last month as management board consent to the plan before giving its chairman, and Meinhard Forster, own agreement. (Reuters, AFX)

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Gillette to Cut 2,000 Jobs in Bid to Restructure chief executive, said Gillette was not cutting back or reducing overall operations, but "adjusting how it is organized and how it operates it is organized and how it operates to constitute the continuity of the economy with a move it is organized and how it operates to constitute the continuity of the economy with a move it is organized and how it operates to continuity of the economy with a move that the continuity of the economy with a move that the continuity of the economy with a move that the economy with the economy with a move that the economy with the economy with a move that the economy with ities abroad to past years, was re-ny could "take advantage of opportunities created by the continuing Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches cents a share, against fourth-quar-He said Gillette expected "sig-nificant ongoing operating efficien-cies" which will begin to be felt to

jor U.S. maker of consumer goods, said Monday it would eliminate 2,000 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, over the next two years in a restructuring which will mostly to volve its operations outside the that operating profit before the charge, as well as sales, had set records for the fourth quarter and for the entire year. The company

at the end of this year would be unchanged at about 34,000 people. The company said it would take a charge of \$164 million, or 74

BOSTON — Gillette Co., a mater earnings to pay for the restructuring, which would consolidate

for the entire year. The company United States.

But it said it would also add the tissue of the chart year. It is said it would report the figures for the quarier and the year on Jan. 27.

The company's stock rose \$1.125 The company's stock rose \$1.125 be said. "I can also state there are no plans to sell any product lines."

Mr. Zeien said Gillette, which has established multi-product facil-

to compete more effectively to a global arena." He did not say what

divisions would be affected. The only thing I can say from a geographical standpoint is that the United States will be impacted much less than any other country,"

broader geographic markets.
Mr. Zeien said that to 1993 the company's ventures to China, Po- 1995.

land and Russia had exceeded their start-up period targets. He also said that the company would tocrease spending on capital

and development.

He said that the board approved

Tony Vento, an analyst at Edward D. Jones & Co., approved the moves by Gillette, noting that mak-

ers of consumer products find it difficult to raise prices in an era of low inflation. "Any cost-cutting in this environment is good," he said.

(AFP, Bloomberg, AP, AFX)

Thinking Ahead

France Can't Kick Protectionist Habit

By Reginald Dale

ARIS - The French are still gloating over their "defeat" of the United States by dint of dazzling Gallic brinkmanship at the end of the world trade talks last month.

But while France's negotiating triumph may serve the political purposes of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, for France's real long-term interests it is a Pyrrhic victory. And will damage the rest of Europe, too.
What Mr. Balladur and others are now

celebrating is another success for France's deep-rooted protectionist philosophy—the persistence of which easts grave doubt on the country's readiness to meet the economic challenges of the 21st century. challenges of the 21st century. The concessions Mr. Balladur extented from Washington for France's subsidized farmers and filmmakers turned out in the end

to be more important as political symbols than in substance. Certainly in the farmers case France got only a fraction of what it case France got only a traction of what it originally wanted.

But the real problem is that Mr. Balladur's spectacular fight for two groups that need help to stand up to world competition, however popular it may be, sends just the wroag message to French public opinion.

Mr. Balladur is implying that France can somehow outwit global market forces by protecting its incommentative sectors. He is foster-

tecting its uncompetitive sectors. He is fostering the comforting delusion that French living standards can be maintained, and the

layish welfare state preserved, by tinkering with the miles of international trade. As with his cave in to the Air France strikers last October, Mr. Balladur is showing that his priorities are to look after groups of workers who make a fuss, rather than French consum-

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ers, who do not, and to prop up inefficient sectors rather than restructure them.

In fact, of course, the concessions France won on agriculture are not going to stop the now inversible momentum of farm policy reform in the European Union. And the setback to Washington's attempts to have its way with the French movie market will not be enough to shield France from the new 500-

France's deep-rooted protectionist philosophy casts grave doubt on the country's readiness to meet the economic challenges of the 21st century.

channel technologies that are about to overwhelm European television. Most senior French officials know all this full well. They also know that the French, like everyone else, must change to confront the global market. But Mr. Balladur as yet shows

no sign that he is ready to share that knowledge with the French electionate. Rather than prepare the ground for change, he is leading the country smartly in the opposite direction, even going so far as to suggest in a recent interview—to widespread astonishment—that civilization means

struggling against market forces. It does not take a genius to see that the further France heads down this blind alley, the harder it will ultimately be to implement

the painful policies needed to bring the country into the next century.

Unfortunately, it is not just France that is affected. By the stringthen its defenses against cheap imports the property of the price of its agreement to the final as part of the price of its agreement to the final deal under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, France has pushed the whole Union further in the protectionist direction.

The most likely immediate victim is Eastem Europe, whose competitive export potential gives France the shivers. The result is that as NATO leaders this week discuss how to incorporate the emerg-ing East European democracies into the

Western security system, France has ensured that their economic integration into the Union will probably be more difficult. At the same time, by bludgeoning his EU partners into accepting French demands, Mr. Balladur has set a rotten precedent for deci-

sion-making in the new, supposedly more unified, post-Maastricht Europe. Naturally, France's partners are relieved that a serious confrontation has been averted.

But their celebrations of a new dawn of European unity are misplaced.

It is not unity when the Union yields to blackmail by one of its members. France created the disunity in the first place, and kept on until it had bent Germany to its will

by threatening a European crisis.

Of course, it is better for the GATT round to have succeeded with concessions to France than for it to have failed without them. That was what gave the French such leverage.

But it would be much, much better, for
France and everyone else, if Mr. Ballador had used the Uruguay Round to start dispelling his country's long-standing protectionist illusions, rather than reinforce them.

Italy to Sell 33% of IMI On Market

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche ROME - About 33 percent of the shares in the stateowned banking company are to be sold to investors in Italy. Europe and the United States, Treasury Minister Piero Bar-ucci said on Monday.

The sale, which begins at the end of the month, could raise up to 22 trillion lire (\$1.29 bilhon) to pay off Italy's buge debts and make IMI, Istimto Mobiliare Italiano, the first Italian bank stock quoted on the New York Stock Exchange.

Under the complex privatization plan, the Treasury is selling 200 million shares to individuals bot also large institutional investors.

Italians will be offered 75 million shares. Foreign and domestic institutional investors will be sold around 90 million, 5 million will be reserved for employees and about 35 million for U.S. investors.

Separately, the state-con-trolled industrial company Finneccanica SpA said it took in a net 232 billion lire (\$135 million) from the sale of stakes in subsidiaries Ansaldo Transporti SpA, Union Switch & Signal Inc. and Elsag Bailey Process Automation Inc. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

California's World Wines Value of State's Exports is Growing

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribune
As American agricultural occountors hustled in and out of the climactic trade talks in Geneva, a persuasive man stood there reminding them that California is a growing wine exporter and — don't forget — the state voted Democratie in the last U.S. presidential election.

James Clawson, lobbyist for the California Wine Institute, did better than Hollywood's moviemakers and came away from last month's negotiations with tariff reductions in most countries where American wine is now big business. Despite the recessions in Europe and Japan, which restrained shipments, the institute projected the value of U.S. wine exports to 90 countries to have increased by about \$10 million in 1993, to \$185 million.

The gain in revenue even as volume falls is an indication of the progress of California wines in moving upmarket, and that is the result of a strong export campaign. The state steadily increased export volume but about 5 million called (2) million port volume by about 5 million gallons (22 million liters) a year up to 1992, when 37 million gallons were sold abroad; that is perhaps a million gallons more than are believed to have been shipped last year. Bulk wines, mainly destined for Japan and government wine stores to Canada and Sweden, make up only 28 percent of the latest total.

The great noses of Europe may be forgiven for forgetting that the United States is the world's fourth-largest producer and seventh-largest exporter of wine, and that 90 percent comes from California. But they would easily recognize why American vintners had to turn to the export market: overproduction, just as in Europe. Expansion during the 1980s left California vint-

oers with a huge inventory during the recent recession, so they turned abroad. A weak dollar and a \$14 million promotion program paid for by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture helped, although there are no growing subsidies in California as in Europe.

California vintuers concentrate on a full range of blended grape varietals instead of Europe's regional wines, partly because the state's steady climate makes for predictable annual quality. California is fruitier than most European wines because by American law sugar must come from the grape and cannot be added to boost the alcohol level.

Tough quality standards are enforced by government inspectors. Last month, an elderly and bankrupt vintoer began serving an 18-month prison sentence for labeling plonk as zinfandel, California's native grape. (Who served hard time after similar scandals in Bordeaux and Italy?)

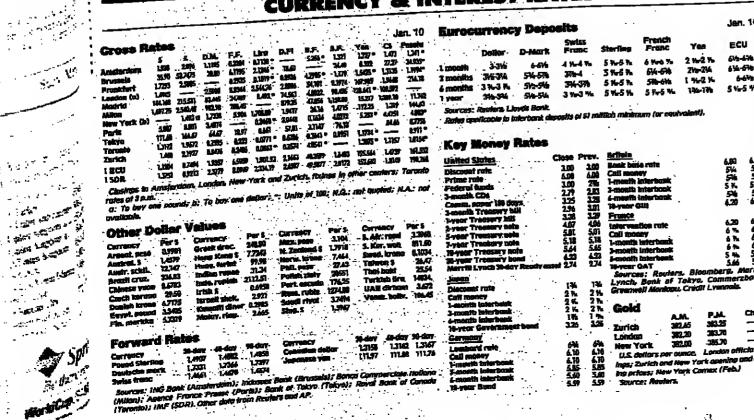
"People are tired of spending \$50 a bottle for wine, as they did in the '80s, and wondering whether 1981 was a good year," said Steve Burns, international marketing manager for the California Wine Institute. "We offer dependable quality at good prices: You know what you get, and that's what people want now."

As with so many other products, Japan is California wine's toughest market because of a diabolical tariff structure. The Japanese do not even ury to compete with top-quality wines, so an expensive French grand cru attracts a 21 percent tariff, which is essentially a luxury tax. But California table wine in the bottle gets socked with an average tariff of 67 percent. California vintners ship 40 percent of their wice in bulk to Japan to pay lower tariffs.

That is exactly what Japanese winegrowers want, because the law allows them to label the California product as Japanese if they top it up with only 5 percent of their local brew. The Japaoese thus cash in oo the marketing profits while California gets reduced to the status of a raw

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Paramount Chief's Role Diminishing

By Geraldine Fabrikant New York Times Service NEW YORK — The man who first agreed to the sale of Para-

mount Communications Inc. may soon find himself out of a job. The chairman of Paramount, Martin S. Davis, who forged an

alliance with Viacom Inc. to part to insure his future role at the merged company, might not remain at Paramount even if his former ally, Summer Redstone, the chairman of Viacom, wins its battle with QVC Network Inc. to acquire Paramount Initially, Mr. Redstone agreed

that Mr. Davis, 66, would remain as chief executive of the merged company. But after Viacom and Blockbuster Entertainment Corp. on Friday announced their plan to merge and to make a new bid for Paramount, Mr. Redstone had no role designated for Mr. Davis in the

new company. Under the new plan, Mr. Redstone was to become chairman of a merged Paramount-Viacom-Block-buster, and Blockbuster's chair-

QVC Extends Bid to Jan. 21

NEW YORK -QVC Network Inc. on Monday extended its offer for control of Paramount Communications Inc. for two weeks, prolonging its four-month-old battle with Viacom Inc. until Jan. 21.

QVC made the amnouncement before the stock market opened Monday after Viacom's announcement of a revised bid late Friday. Viacom, the owner of MTV and other cable television channels, said in

making its new offer that it also would expire Jan. 21. On Monday, Viacom Class A stock fell \$4.875, to \$41.875, on the American Stock Exchange, QVC tumbled \$1.50, to \$39.25, to over-theconnter trading, and Paramount declined \$1.875 a share, to \$77.375, on the New York Stock Exchange.

man, H. Wayne Huizenga, would become vice chairman.

But during a stormy conference call with Wall Street analysts, Mr. Redstone said his chief executive, Frank Biondi Jr., would be the new

chief executive.
"We haven't really discussed the possibility of any role," one analyst recalled Mr. Redstone saying of Mr. Davis. "There might be one for

Mr. Biondi would be chief executive of Viacom's merged company, whether it succeeds in buying Paramount or not.

The analyst said Mr. Redstone reported having had a pleasant chat with Mr. Davis and saying the Paramount chairman had been happy with the new bid. But a person close to Mr. Davis said he had

been upset. A spokesman for Mr. Davis said

not concerned about his continuing role. The spokesman added that no matter who wins the takeover battle, Mr. Davis's objectives will be to get the best value for Paramount shareholders and to ensure that the winner can operate the company competently.

Viacom now is offering \$105 to cash for 50.1 percent of Paramount, and QVC has bid \$92 a share for 51 percent. Each is offering the balance in stock.

David Londoner, who follows Paramount for Wertheim Schroeder & Co., said in comparing the bids: "If Viacom merges with Blockbuster, you are getting a lot of Viacom stock, which reflects assets that, long term, work less well to the new media environment.

"If you believe that media mergers today are based on preparing for the information superhighway," he added, "Viacom's purchase of Blockbuster drags Viacom off the main road, making the longterm value of QVC's stock more

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Dow Soars 45 Points As Optimism Grows

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — U.S. stocks surged Monday, with shares of auto, telephone and software companies setting the pace, amid broad optimism about the economy and

corporate earnings.
The Dow Jones industrial average set a sixth consecutive record, rising 44.74 points, to close at 3,865.51. It has risen a total of 111.42 points in the last six ses-

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4-to-3 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 317.6 million shares, down from 323.38 million on Friday.

The stock market was underpinned by stability in bonds. Investors apparently were confident that interest rates are not soon headed higher. The yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond inched up to 6.24 percent from 6.23 percent on Friday

"Inflation just doesn't seem to be a problem, and that means we can see some fairly decent economic growth and earnings growth with-out overheating the economy," said Gene Grandone, an investment counselor at Northern Investment Counselors in Chicago.

People continue to recognize that the economic outlook is good," said Peter Canelo, chief investment strategist at NatWest Securities. Dealers said the market had been underninged in particular by a se-

ries of indicators last week on job

growth, car sales and factory or-ders, which encouraged investors to buy stocks of companies that are sensitive to economic cycles.

Blockbuster Entertainment was the most-active New York Stock Exchange issue, falling % to 28. Paramount was down 1% to 77%. Viacom was off 4¼ to 41%, and QVC dropped 1% to 39%. The falls among the players in the Paramount takeover battle came after Viacom raised the cash portion of its offer to \$105 a share for 50.1 percent of Paramount in an attempt to outbid QVC. It also agreed to merge with Blockbuster.

Teléfonos de Mexico was No. 3 among the acoves, down 11/8 at 651/2. Its shares fell on reports the Mexican government plans to sell in coming weeks its remaining 4.6 percent stake in Telmex. Dealers warned depositary receipts of Mexican companies. The violence follows a peas-

Chrysler rose 11/2 to 58%, Ford climbed 2% to 67%, and General Motors rose 1% to 59%. Meetings with company executives at the Detroit Auto Show led some analysts to raise earnings estimates.

(Reuters, UPI, Bloomberg)

Strong U.S. Outlook Gives Dollar a Boost

tive strength of the U.S. recovery versus the depressed economies of other major industrial nations.

The dollar got an initial lift from news that the West German gross

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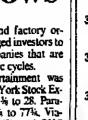
percent in 1993. This strengthens speculation of another cut in German interest rates, probably no later than early February, if the country's inflation remains on a stimulate consumers' demand in

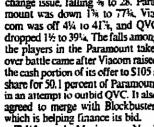
resistance at 1.7350 DM but retreated under limited profit-taking.

The dollar outlook versus the well, since the Japanese economy remains mired in a recession, dealers said. This was acknowledged Monday by the central bankers of the Group of 10 industrial nations at a regular meeting in Basel, Swit-

Japan and belp the country pull out

1.7338 Deutsche marks, up from
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that weekend violence in Mexico, including three car bombs in Mexico City, may affect the American ant uprising begun Jan. 1.

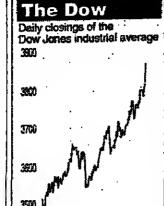
Phone companies, including Bell Atlantic, U.S. West, Southwestern Bell and Pacific Telesis were stronger. The sector was boosted after U S West said it would invest \$750 million to connect 750,000 homes with new video services.

NEW YORK - The dollar rallied on Monday, lifted hy a global outlook that underscores the rela-

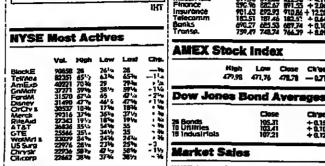
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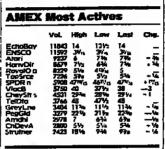
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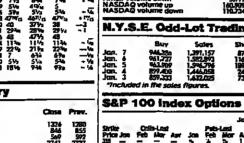
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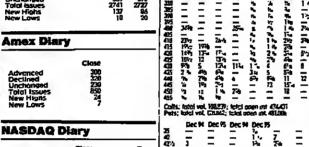












German to Head G-10 Banks

AFP-Extel News

BASEL - The committee of the Group of 10 central bankers said Monday that Hans Tietmeyer, president of the Bundesbank, would take over as chairman of the committee, replacing John Crow, whose term of office us Bank of Canada governor expires at the end of January.

Central bank governors of the G-10 nations held their regular monthly meeting Monday, with the committee led by Mr. Crow, who was appointed to the post in November, for the last time.

In December, Finance Minister Paul Martin of Canada said he would not reappoint Mr. Crow as Bank of Canada governor. He awarded the job to Gordon Thiessen, currently senior deputy governor at the bank.

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Hospital Takeover Worth \$1 Billion

o Oppo NASHVILLE, Tennessee (Reuters) — Health Trust Inc. said Monday it would buy EPIC Holdings Inc. an operator of acute-care hospitals, in a ransaction valued at about \$1 billion.

Terms call for EPIC holders to receive \$7 for each common share, for a total of \$277 million, and for Healthrust to assume \$727 million in debt. EPIC, which was spun off from American Medical Holdings Inc. in 1988, had revenue of \$1.02 billion in its latest year. With 10.600 workers. EPIC is the second largest employee-owned company in the United States, after Columbia Healthcare Corp. HealthTrust said that after the acquisition, it will be the operator of 115 acute-care hospitals in 22 states and will have 27 000 contents. and will have 37,000 employees.

National Steel Braces for Charges

MISHAWAKA, Indiana (Bloomberg) — National Steel Corp. said Monday it would take fourth-quarter charges of between \$120 million and \$135 million related to the temporary closing of its National Steel Pellet Co. unit, elimination of some inventory and the adoption of a new accounting method for employee post-retirement benefits.

Tropicana Buys German Juice Line

BRADENTON, Florida (AP) — Tropicana Products Inc. stepped into the German juice market in a big way Monday by acquiring Hitchcock, the country's leading brand of fresh-fruit juices.

Tropicana purchased the product line from Deinhard & Co. Terms were not disclosed.

Carl Karcher to Franchise Chicken

ANAHEIM, California (UPI) - Carl Karcher Enterprises Inc. said Monday it has agreed with Boston Chicken Inc. to become an area developer and franchisee to develop and operate up to 300 Boston Chicken stores in California.

Terms were not disclosed. Carl Karcher Enterprises, which operates the Carl's Jr. fast-food chain, said it expects to open at least 60 Boston Chicken stores by the end of 1995 and at least 200 stores over the next five years.

For the Record

Boeing Co. and the four companies in the Airbus consortium have extended until at least March a study on the feasibility of building a jumbo jet that could carry 800 passengers. (Reuters) jumbo jet that could carry 800 passengers.

Atlantic Richfield Co. said it would take an after-tax charge of about \$450 million against fourth-quarter earnings, reflecting its previously announced reorganization of certain U.S. oil and gas operations. The charge also reflected severance costs for about 1,300 employees. (UPI) US West Inc. identified four new sites for its proposed multimedia network, adding Denver, Minneapolis, Portland, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho, to the project to bring movies, shopping, games and pay-per-view video into customers' homes.

(AP)

Oracle Corp. will supply multimedia software and storage devices to Bell Atlantic Corp. for delivering movies on demand and other services over conventional telephone lines to customers as early as this spring.

(AP)

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - "Mrs. Doubtfire" topped the weekend box office again, earning an estimated \$11.4 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers based on Friday ticket sales and estimated sales for Saturday and Sunday.

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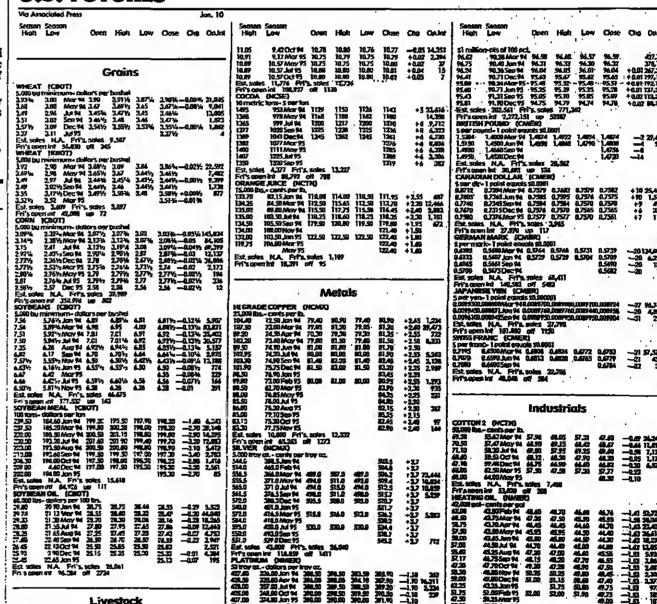
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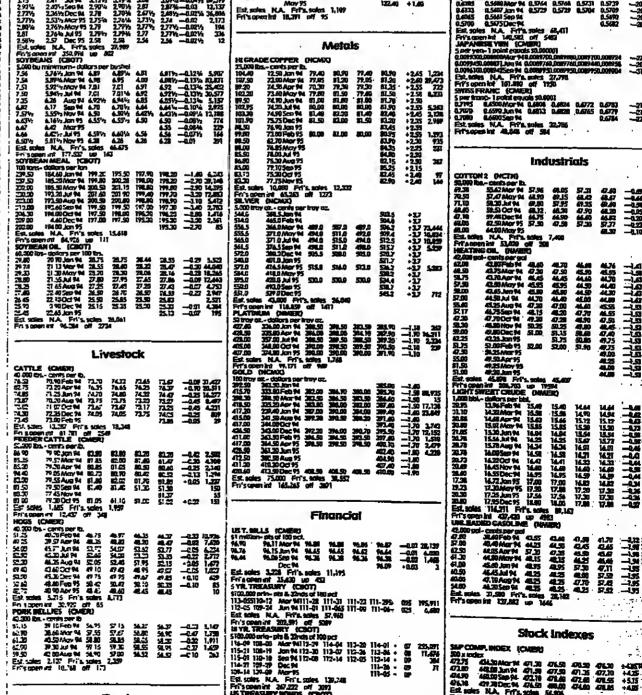
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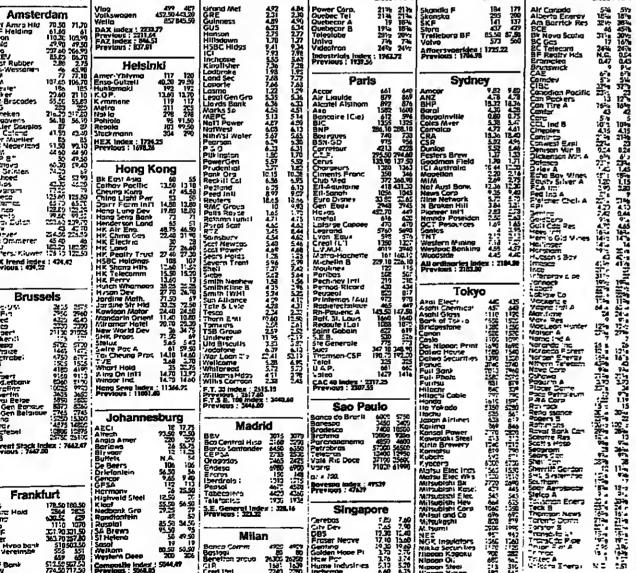
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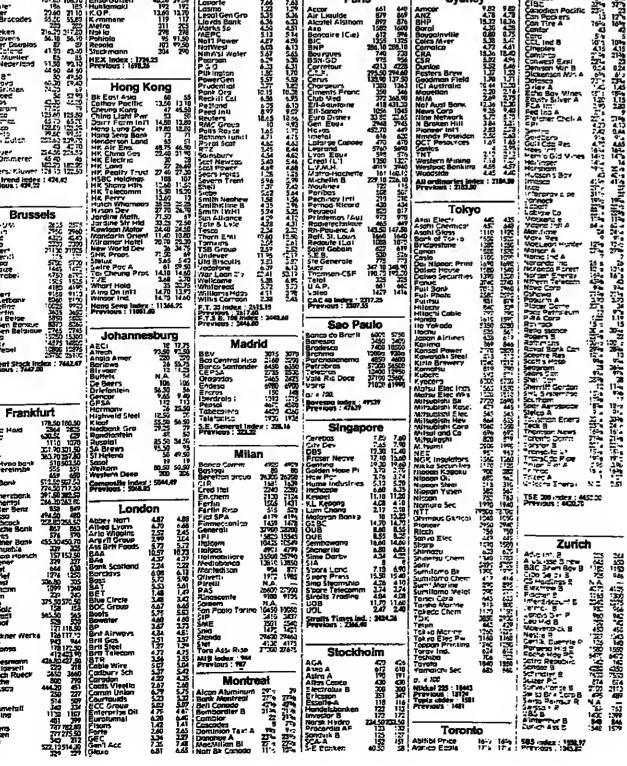




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EC Investigators Are Said to Oppose 3-Way Steel Link

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BRUSSELS - The European Commission's merger-inquiry team has proposed vetoing the creation of a joint steel venture by Germany's Mannesmann AG, Vallouree SA of France and Ilva SpA of Italy company alliance vetoed by the commission and industry sources commission under European said on Monday.

Karel Van Miert, the competition commissioner, was expected to ask his fellow commissioners to back the veto propsal at a meeting

EU Car Firms to Suggest Post-Protection Policies

BRUSSELS - The European Automobile Manufacturers Association will make recommendations on Tuesday to the European' Union and other policy-makers to petition in Europe. ensure Europe's car industry remains competitive as barriers to Japanese imports are removed. A. spokesman refused to give details but said changes should create a healthy economic climate for the

Meanwhile, Italian car sales slumped 20 percent last year and the market is unlikely to see a pick-up in 1994, according to Ansia, Italy's na- commuter aircraft division of

dict after a four-month inquiry into the venture, the sources said.

If Mr. Van Miert convinces his colleagues to back him, the joint venture would be only the second Union merger control rules in effect since 1990.

The venture, called DMV, would be created by the Ilva unit Dalmine SpA, Mannesmann Röhren-Werke AG and the Vallourec unit Valtubes SA. It would employ 1,000 people and make seamless, stainless steel tubes used in power stations and in the chemical industry.

A spokesman for Mr. Van Miert said the issue was under discussion and refused to comment further. But the sources said the commission in-vestigators believed the establishment of DMV would restrict com-

There were "severe differences of opinion and fact-finding" between the commission staff and the companies involved in DMV, one industry source said.

In late 1981, the commission invoked its veto powers under the merger rules to prevent Aerospa-tiale of France and Alenia SpA of Italy taking over the De Havilland

Bill for Banesto Goes Up and Up Bank Reportedly Needs as Much as \$4.8 Billion

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches . MADRID - The amount of money needed to restore Banco Español de Crédito SA to health could be between 600 billion and 700 billion pesetas (\$4.1 billion and \$4.8 billion), according to analysts and media reports.

The Bank of Spain's initial estimate was that Banesto needed 503 billion pesetas to rebuild a balance sheet that was stuffed with assets that now appear to be much less valu-able than claimed by the ousted management.

But as the investigation into Banesto's finances goes deeper the volume of doubtful loans and levels of risks has been indicated by media reports to be much higher than thought. Additional problems could arise as the foreign subsidiaries of the bank are taken

into account, the reports said.

El País newspaper said, bowever, that the Deposit Guarantee Fund would be in a position to help by buying about 120 billion pese-tes worth of doubtful loans from the bank. All Spanish banks contribute to the fund.

Analysts said they are still unclear about what the bank's future will be. But they said comments by the new chairman, Aliredo Saenz, that he will maintain the "essence and unity" of the bank may mean that Banesto will not be taken over by another Spanish bank. They said chances are high that the restruc-

turing plan will include a cut in the par value of the bank's shares, which have been suspende on the Madrid exchange since the Bank of Spain took control of Banesto on Dec. 28. Spain's Association for the Defense of

Shareholders, representing the Banesto stockholders, said Monday that it had filed a civil suit over the weekend against the bank's auditors, Price Waterhouse, for alleged negligence in reviewing the bank's accounts.

Still, analysts said, the amount of the cut in the shares' value will likely be limited, given the negative effect on the bank's 270,000 shareholders, who include foreign investors

and the bank's own clients and employees.

Press reports say almost 60 percent of all the share issues in the first portion of the capital increase carried out by Banesto in early 1993 were bought by the bank's own clients with loans from the bank itself. After meetings Monday with Mr. Saenz,

union leaders said the new chairman had

The restructuring plan is expected by mid-February.

agreed to limit layoffs. They said he expects to have finished scrutinizing the halance sheet hy the end of January and to have drafted the

restructuring plan by mid-February.

A different view of the Banesto intervention story may be given on Tuesday wheo the former chairman, Mario Conde, holds a

meeting with reporters.

Mr. Conde is expected to be against any lowering in the value of Banesto's shares; he owns between 4 and 5 percent of them. José Maria Amusategui, chairman of Banco Central Hispanoamericano SA, said in an interview published over the weekend in El País, that he, too, was against any lowering

of the value of Banesto shares. BCH loaned Mr. Conde 7 billion pesetas in mid-1993 to invest in the Banesto capital increase, using the shares and Mr. Conde's personal wealth as collateral.

Details of the Bank of Spain report on why it took control of Banesto, published in El Pals, show the extent to which the Banesto balance sheet deteriorated from the end of 1992 to the end of 1993.

Figures for 1992 show that nonperforming loans stood at an estimated 120 billion pesetas, but by the latest inspection in 1993 the figure has risen to close to 340 billion. This lifted the need for provisions oo bad debts to 145 billion pesetas against 53 billion in 1992.

The figures are the result of an investigation into all outstanding loans above 250 million peseras, and the bad debt total is expected to rise considerably once an investigation into the loans below 250 million is completed, El Pais said.

It also said the bank's pension fund has deepening problems. About 66 billion pesetas are needed to bring its pension coverage up to regulated standards, the report said.

An expected revaluation of Banesto's assets will reduce the value of the bank's industrial assets by about 120 billion pesetas. which would lead to a book loss of 81 billion pesetas, the report said.

One of Banesto's associate companies, the insurer La Unión & El Fenix SA, resumed trading Monday in Madrid after an 11-day

Regulators decided to allow trading again after Union & Fenix's caretaker management agreed last week to revise its 400 million peseta 1992 profit to a 12 billion-peseta loss.

But investors' skepticism about the company's future dragged Union & Fenix's shares down 15 percent to 1,790 pesetas, the maximum change allowed in one day.

Lufthansa Board Plans Talks on Pension Fund

Raises \$850 Million BEIRUT — The company that will rebuild war-shattered

Firm Rebuilding Beirut

central Beirut said on Monday it had raised more than \$850 million in Lebanon's first corporate flotation since civil war ended in 1990.

Speaking after the closure of Lebanon's biggest share offer, the head of the \$1.8 billion Lebanese Company for the Development & Reconstruction of Beirut Central District, known as Solidere, said it had easily exceeded its \$650 million target.

"We are still counting and we are over \$850 million," said Nasser Chamaa, head of Solidere's board of founders. How expected to start next month.

ever, he said he did not expect the total to reach \$1 billion. Mr. Chamaa said the offer, which was open to Lebanese, and non-Lebanese Arab inves-

investors, and the majority of shares were purchased by Leba-"We think it's a really excel-lent result. It's better than we expected, especially in terms of the number of people that have subscribed," Mr. Chamaa said.

tors, attracted more than 15,000

The issue was one of the biggest corporate flotations ever made in the Middle East.

Trading in Solidere shares is

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT - Lufthansa AG's supervisory board will meet Jan. 31 to discuss the restructuring

of the government-controlled air-line and ways to resolve a stalemate over Lufthansa's pension fund, its chief spokesman, Josef Grendell, said Monday.

He said Lufthansa would proba-bly have to pay 1 billion Deutsche marks (\$574.8 million) or more to e government employee pension fund VBL after the proposed estab-lishment of nine operating units as independent profit centers and the privatization of the government's

Mr. Grendell said the board's discussion would focus on a restructuring plan to transform Lufthansa into a holding company

with five central divisions

management board members, rath- structure of nine independent units er than six at present.

Subsidiaries such as Lufthansa

within the holding group, he said. But Mr. Grendell said that im-Service Gesellschaft or Condor plementation of the restructuring would each be led by a general plan as well as Luithansa's privan-

Air France to Keep CSA Stake

PARIS — Air France said Monday that it wanted to remain a shareholder in the Czech national airline CSA, in which it holds a 38.2 percent stake through a consortium with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

"Last December, Air France said it intended to remain a shareholder in CSA," an Air France spokesman said. "We still have the same position Transport Minister Jan Strasky said over the weekend that CSA clanned to withdraw from its investment contract with the state-owned

The Czech government, trying to resolve a financial crisis at its national carrier, had offered to find a buyer for Air France's stake, an official close to the negotiations said Monday. The official declined to name potential buyers. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

the company, unions and federal government did not reach agreement on Luithansa's payments to the pension fund.

Mr. Grendell said the nine operating units would have to set up their own pension plans, which would require Lufthansa to reimburse the VBL fund. Substantial payments to VBL would also have to be made to privatize Lufthansa, Mr. Grendell said. He declined to specify the amount but said I bil-lion DM was "perhaps" the mini-(AFX, Reuters)

■ Growth in Traffic Eases

volume continued to rise, Reuters

reported from Geneva.

The International Air Transport Association reported Monday that growth in passenger traffic had slowed in November, while freight

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Investor's Europe

Very briefly:

 Air Afrique is to get a capital injection of 18 billion CFA francs (\$59 million), after leaders of the 11 African countries that own stakes in the troubled carrier approved a rescue plan.

 IG Farbenindustrie in Abwicklung, a shell company handling the liquidation of the notorious World War II chemicals cartel, has no legal claim to assets in Eastern Germany that were expropriated by the Soviet Union after the war, the federal administrative court in Berlin ruled.

· Roche Holding AG, the Swiss pharmaceuticals company, said consolidated sales rose 10 percent to 14.3 billion francs (\$9.8 billion) in 1993. Crédit Lyonnais is to offer one-third of the capital in its Union des

Assurances Fédérales subsidiary at a price of 520 francs (\$88.40) a share. · French consumer prices fell by 0.1 percent in December, making the inflation rate 2.1 percent for all of 1993.

Lathroke Group PLC said it would participate in a consortium with MAI PLC to bid for the license to run Britain's national lottery. • Britain's merchandise trade deficit shrank to £580 million (\$867 million)

in October from \$1.09 billion in September.

. Tomkins PLC almost doubled its pretax profit in the six months to Oct. 31, to £93.8 million.

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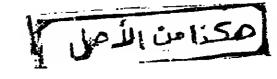
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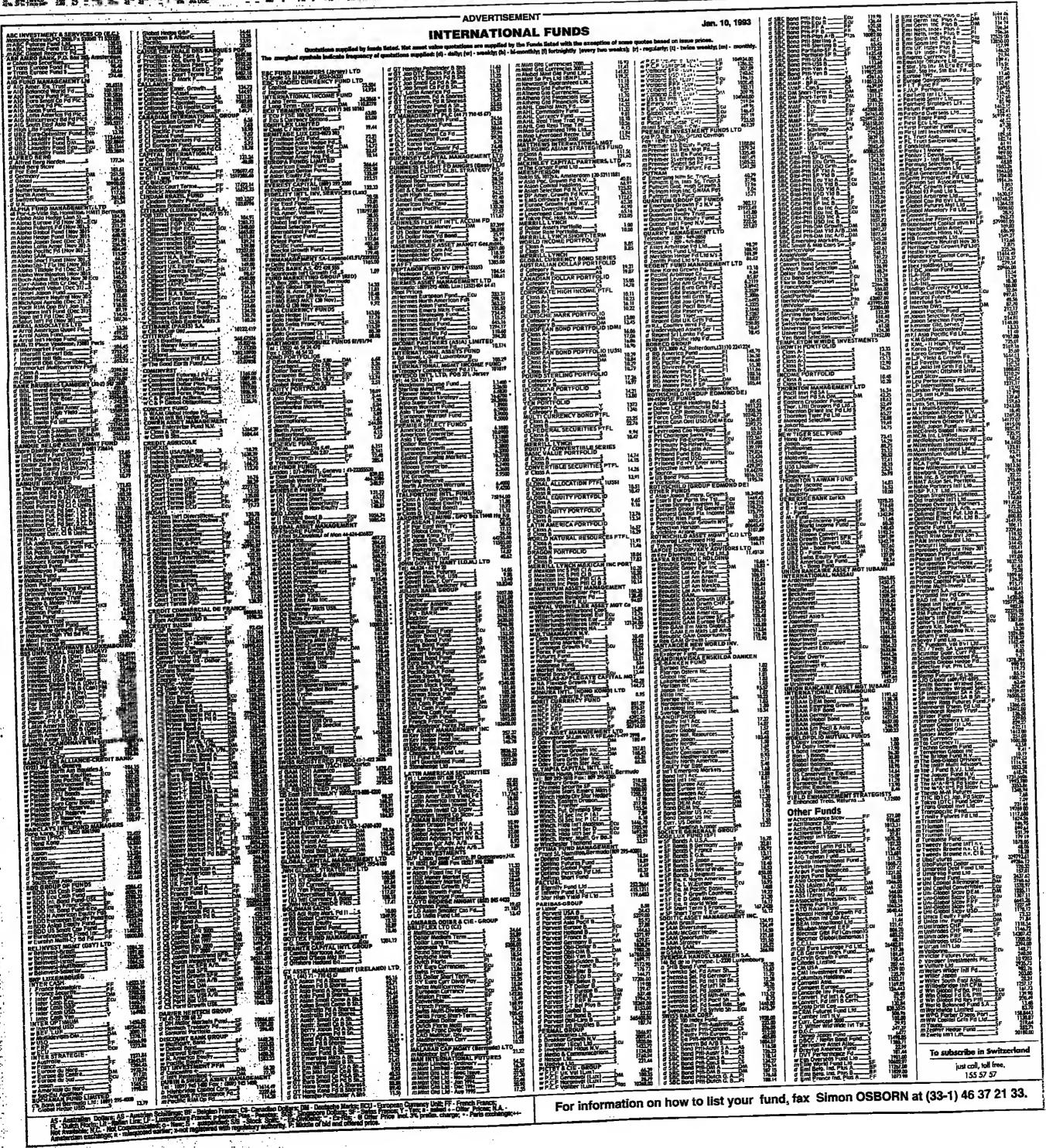
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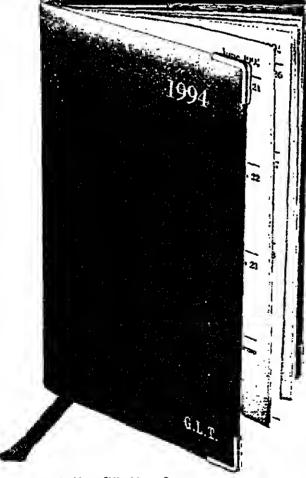
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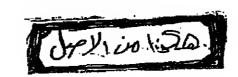
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Chrysler, Ford **Inch Forward** In Japan Market

TOKYO -- Car sales in Japan by Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. surged in 1993, but General to 3,430,000, in 1993, the third con-Motors Corp.'s sales [ell, according

to data released Monday.

Despite the gams by Ford and Chrysler, the American Big Three still accounted for only 0.6 percent of car sales in Japan, or fewer than 20,000 vehicles in a market of more than 3.4 million.

Germany continued to be the most popular source of imported vehicles, with sales totaling 98,177. though that number was down 6.5 percent from 1992. Chrysler's sales in Japan more

than tripled, to 5,699 cars, in 1993; Ford's grew 50 percent, to 5,111.
"Foreign carmakers posted gains in 1993 due to the introduction of new models and right-hand drive vehicles, as well as price cuts," said-Kunihiko Ono of the Japan Auto-mobile Importers Association.

boom in sales of recreational vehicles, he said.

But primarily, he said, Chrysler's sales increase "resulted from heed-ing advice from Honda to reduce its retail prices and introduce right-hand-drive cars." American and other foreign cars have been difficult to sell in Japan in part because Japanese motorists drive on the left.

General Motors sold 6.2 percent fewer cars in Japan, a total of 8,525, in 1993, although its sales have posted gams since August after GM cut prices.

The increase in car sales for all foreign makers was 7.5 percent from a year earlier, to 195,090 in 1993. Including trucks and buses, sales in Japan of foreign vehicles rose 9.1 percent, to 201,481.

poor consumer demand, saw do-mestic car sales slump 6.9 percent,

secutive year-on-year decline. Sales of German-made cars fell 6.7 percent from a year earlier, to 97,684 in 1993.

Chrysler introduced a righthand-drive Cherokee in January 1993, becoming the first of the 1993, becoming the first of the American Big Three to offer a right-hand-drive car in Japan. Chrysler also began selling its Cherokee Sports 1 model in December for 2,998,000 yen (\$26,660), making it the first foreign recreational vehicle to be sold for less than 3 million year.

than 3 million yen. Chrysler also plans to introduce its LH model in Japan, with a sales target of 10,000 cars in 1994. The Japanese automakers

Honda Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Co., meanwhile, reported increased sales in Japan of cars im-Chrysler also benefited from a ported from their American Honda sold 26,880 U.S.-made cars in 1993, up 35.5 percent, and Toyota sold 7,955 cars, more than

triple its year-earlier total. Most of the American-made cars were sta-Trade Talks to Resume Japan and the United States will resume talks Tuesday simed at in-

creasing Japan's purchases of American-made auto parts to try to cnt Japan's trade surplus, Agence France-Presse reported, quoting Japanese government officials. It would be the fourth time the

two sides had met to discuss the issue under a framework accord reached in July by President Bill Clinton and former Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

Panting at Taiwan's Door Foreigners Eager for a New Asia Play

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By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune TAIPEI - With other Asian stock markets apparently taking a breather, Taiwan is attracting attention from international in-

vestors eager to enter a fray largely off-limits to them. A few months ago it was one of the worst-performing markets in the world over a three-year period, but Taipei's volatile stock exchange has gained roughly 35 percent in the past month while neighboring mar-kets have cooled. Still, the beach-

mark Weighted Price Index, which closed down 31.32 points at 6,343.83 Monday, remains about 50 percent off the all-time high hit in February 1990. No one seriously predicts a quick return to the heights atmined four years ago when stock frenzy led workers to quit their jobs to play the market full time and underground securities mar-

kets went spinning out of control. Indeed, Taiwan's Central Bank of China on Monday clamped down on liquidity in the financial system, sending short-term interest rates soaring, in an effort to cool the latest bout of stock speculation, Reuters reported.

But in the long term, monetary policy is expected to remain reasonably loose. This, along with political stability, signs of cau-tionsly improving ties with China, and the promise of a relaxation on foreign stock ownership limits, has rekindled fond memories for local investors who dominate the market. These factors have also created a tempting target for foreign fund managers searching for a Asia's next hot exchange.

"In this case a small group of foreign investors' optimism about the market has caused a domino effect," said Patrick

Chim, assistant manager of but many have yet to be pro-Kwang Hua Socurities Investcessed. Brokers accuse the central bank of stalling to relieve Despite government pronounpressure on a slightly appreciatcements that Taiwan wants to libing Taiwan dollar and growing

eralize financial markets, the Taimoney supply.

Although foreign investment bei stock market remains largely closed to foreigners and dominataccounts for at most 3 percent of market capitalization mternational interest lifted regional stock markets in 1993, explain-While foreign ing why expectations of foreign institutions are on cash alone prodded Taipei mar-

ket's early rises. Now, while many foreign institutions remain stuck on the sidelines, the momentum they helped create has carried forward without them.

Local investors are reportedly pouring their savings into the market. Others are borrowing from unofficial lenders to participate in the fally.

"A month ago, the talk was all about 6,000 being a real possibility. The number people now have in their minds is 8,000," said Peter Kurz, Baring Securities' chief representative in Taipei. "These markets do have more extended booms than other places; there are not many natural sellers in

the market. How far then can Taiwan's market rise?

Analysis say local institutional investors, most of whom were bearish on the market's prospects last year, are switching from cash to equities. At the same time, large numbers of fixed deposits are maturing at a time of lower interest rates.

change Commission's priorities "I'm sure the government are different: speeding Taiwan's overall capital markets developdoesn't want to see it become as big a casino as it was in late 1989, early 1990," said Timothy Moe. Applications totaling more than \$5 billion have been reresearch head at Salomon Brothers Hong Kong Ltd. "But Taiwan may still have a little more to go.

H.K. Market Is Called Too Big to **Manipulate**

HONG KONG - The Hong Kong stock exchange is achieving record volume and has become too big to be easily manipulated, its chief executive said on Monday.

The executive, Paul Chow, acknowledged having "beard talk" of attempts to influence the market. That was an apparent reference to speculation that China has the financial strength to manipulate the Hang Seng index of leading Hong Kong shares behind the scenes ahead of 1997, when the colony is to come under Chinese sovereignty.

Bu! Mr. Chow asserted that it had become extremely difficult for any one person or organization to dictate the market's course.

"I wonder if anyone can move this market," be said.

Volume last Thursday touched a record 15.2 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$1.97 oillion), reflecting an influx of loreign funds. That is almost three times the daily aver-

age last vear. Volume on Monday was 10.8 billion dollars. The Hang Seng rose 365.46, ending at 11,366.94.

Mr. Chow, noting that Hong Kong's market capitalization stood at about 15 percent behind Paris and Frankfurt, forecast that it would within three to five years overtake the Continental European markets to become the world's

fourth-bigges:

He attributed the upsurge in foreign interest to the arrival this past year of the first six Chinese state companies to list directly in Hong

But over the same period, many brokers have suspected China, through its many business interests in Hong Kong, of placing big sell orders to force down the market and embarrass Governor Chris Patten.

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. Japan said it would inaugurate a program next week to open large public-works projects to foreign contractors.

• The Philippines opened talks with the International Monetary Fund on a new economic program and President Fidel V. Ramos said the country was in a better position to negotiate a deal due to an improving economy. China Southern Airways and China Eastern Airways are waiting for a government decision that would allow them to list their shares on U.S. stock exchanges

 Bjin Group, a South Korean synthetic diamond producer, vowed to fight until it overturned a U.S. court ruling ordering it to stop production for seven years. The court ordered the ban on grounds that the company had stolen its technology from General Electric Co.

· Kazakhstan, whose oil and mineral wealth has lured a growing number of international businesses, hopes to receive about \$1 billion in Western loans in 1994, Prime Minister Sergei A. Tereshchenko was quoted as Kright-Ridder, AFP, Reuter, Bloomberg

Steelmakers In Japan Face **Rising Losses**

TOKYO - Japanese steel-makers will post record losses for their current financial year, but the worst is still to come as demand from the automotive and electronics industries

slides, analysts said Monday. Nomura Research Institute dicted the five biggest steelmakers would post parentcompany current losses of 216-billion, yen (\$1.92 billion) for the year ending March 31 and losses totaling 295 billion yen

in the following year.
"Their results in 1993-94 will be the worst in history, and next year will be worse still," Hiroyuki Suzuki, a steel-industry analyst for Nomura, said. Crude steel output will fall to 91 million metric tons in the

year ending March 1995 from 97 million this year, according to Daiwa Institute of Research.

Sri Lankan Company Returns to Its Roots

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka - Established 125 years ago by two Scots as a trading house when Sri Lanka was a British colony, Altken Spence & Co. has become one of the country's top blue-

chip conglomerates. The company, which was hard-hit by the nationalization of swatnes of its business in the

early 1970s, is enjoying a return to such sectors as plantations and insurance.

"It's a bit of pleasure getting back into old businesses we began life with," said Michael Mack, the company's 61-year-old charman. who joined Aitken Spence in 1953 as its first Sti

Lankan trainec. In the intervening decades after the nationalizations, Aitken Spence built up a major share of the island's tourist industry through its travel agency and hotel businesses. It is also a leader in cargo handling. "We're No. 1 or 2 in the tourist sector, and we aim to maintain that

position," Mr. Mack said. He said investment funds based in Britain, the United States and Hong Kong had acquired between 35 and 40 percent of the company since it went public in 1983.

Foreigners like the company because it provides good returns, is in growth businesses and takes in a large part of its revenue in foreign

On Monday the sheikh alleged in

the \$10.5 billion suit against the

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority

der to help further BCCI investiga-

ation in Washington. This was the

depreciation, Mr. Mack said. Aitken Spence earned net profit of 137 mil-

lion rupees (\$2.9 million) in the year ended March 31, 1993, and earnings per share rose 22 percent to 19.18 rupees. Revenue was more than 2 billion rupees, and

1.5 billion rupees of that came in foreign cur-rency, an advance of 29 percent from a year The company's effective income tax rate is relatively low at 20 percent because of its policy

of concentrating on sectors that attract tax incentives, said Asia Stock Brokers (PvL) Ltd. in a recent report. Sri Lanka's basic corporate tax rate will be cut to 35 percent from 40 percent in April. The company began business in 1868 in the southern port of Galle. It imported rice and

coal, and exported gems, hides, ebony, coffee and the local liquor, arrack.

It set up a branch in Colombo with the development of the Colombo harbor a few years later and acquired shipping and insurance

agencies and plantations to become an agency house typical of the time. The Scottish families that founded the company severed connections in 1971, when owner-ship was taken over by Sri Lankans.

Today, Airken Spence is a conglomerate with 32 subsidiaries employing more than 7,000 people in five sectors — tourism, cargo handling, manufacturing, services and real estate devel-

Aitken Spence has a reputation for caudous growth, careful deliberation and a knack for picking the "right" business, the brokerage Smith New Court Sri Lanka said to a report. It said the company's 10 percent market share and expansion plans make it well placed

to exploit the boom to tourism. came from its hotels and travel agency business. Aitken Spence owns three resorts and manage seven others. Its travel subsidiary represents top tour operators in Europe and East Asia.

"Hotels account for the lion's share of recent investments," Mr. Mack said, referring to the company's two new hours, the expansion of its Triton Hotel — the island's sole five-star resort - and its recent acquisition of a resort in the Maldives.

"We suffered so much from nationalization we decided we would build where there's no threat of government intervention," the chairman explained. "This has been a thread of continuity in the firm's development."

Hongkong Land's Assets Gain

HONG KONG - The value of office towers and shopping centers owned by Hong Kong's largest landlord, Hongkong Land Holdings Ltd., rose 47 per-cent to \$7.84 billion last year, according to a valuation done for

the company. In a statement announcing that it was making a \$300 million convertible bond issue, Hongkong Land, a unit of Jardine Matheson

by the real estate broker Jones Lang Wootton Inc. on Dec. 31.
The bonds will be convertible into shares of Hongkong Land.

the company said.
In the last two years, prices and rents charged for Hong Kong's top-quality office buildings rose steeply as China's rap-idly developing economy attract-ed more foreign companies into British colony and those al-

valuation of its main investment ready in Hong Kong, especially properties had been carried out in the financial-services industry, expanded while the supply of of-fice space in Hong Kong's central business district remained basically unchanged.
The increase in Hongkong

Land's valuation may even be on the conservative side; this year really has been excellent for prime-grade office space," Karl Leung, a real estate analyst at W.I. Carr (Far East) Ltd., said. (Bloomberg, AFP)

China and India Discuss Making Aircraft

NEW DELHI - China is pro-

posing to pool technology and money with India to jointly manufacture commercial aircraft.

The Chinese ambassador, Cheng Ruisheng, told the Press Trust of

border war io 1962, want to make 100-seat passenger planes.

Mr. Cheng said India and China military planes to manufacture ci-

vilian aircraft. Ruisheng, told the Press Trust of India news agency Monday that the two countries, emerging from a strained relationship after their their strained relationship after their trust of India news agency Monday that the two countries, emerging from a strained relationship after their both sides could be used."

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No immediate comment was available from India. China and India have been trycould use their expertise at making ing to improve relations, emphasizing trade and commercial collabo-

ration, as both countries open their

BCCI: Fresh Indictments in View?

Continued from Page 1 an improved offer from Abn Dhabi to BCCI depositors and other cred-

itors. In October a court in Luxunbourg rejected a \$1.7 billion settlement between Abu Dhabi and Touche Ross, the London-based liquidators of BCCL Now, thanks to the Geneva agreement, Abu Dhabi will have to give the liquida-tors all original BCCI records if a ncial settlement is not reached by April 1. If that were to happen the inquidators might use the documents as part of a future lawsuit against Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi, which has consistently described in the formal and the consistency of the consis

tently described itself as a victim of the BCCI fraud, has found itself increasingly isolated since the Luxembourg court rejected its offer to creditors. Mr. Morgenthau, accompanied by John Moscow, the chief BCCI investigator, traveled to Lux-embourg in November and ob-

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tained new pledges of cooperation.

In late December an out-ofcourt settlement was reached under which Sheikh Khaled ibn Mahfouz, a Sandi financier, and an associate paid \$225 million to avoid prosecu-tion on BCCI-related fraud and racketeering charges that had been brought by Mr. Morgenthan's of-lice in New York. Sheikh Khaled also agreed to cooperate with U.S. authorities who were investigating members of the royal family of Abu

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a lawsuit in the high court in Lon-don that senior Abu Dhabi officials were aware of the BCCI fraud. In and Ghanim Faris al Mazrui, its head, Sheikh Khaled contended they were "knowing parties" to the BCCI fraud. Mr. Mazrui was a so-nior member of the Abu Dhabi team that reached agreement with U.S. officials last Saturday. from 25 to 20 percent on bulk ship-

"It's only incremental," said Mr. Clawson. "But this is a multi-million dollar business, and we're While Abu Dhabi stressed on Monday that it had reached its agreement with Washington in orgoing to keep at it." tions, the emirate in recent weeks bas found itself in an awkward situ-

kets in Asia, it is even breaking into the market in France itself, where five million liters of California case because it had asked the State

American lawsuit. Two senior members of Congress who have been investigating BCCI — Senator John F. Kerry and Representative Henry B. Gon-zalez — protested to Warren M. Christopher, the secretary of state, about the attempt to win immunity for the Abu Dhabi ruler. If immunity had not been granted and Sheikh Zayed had refused to tesrify, the Abu Dhabi ruler could have lost the \$1.5 billion suit by

In the final, hectic hours of nego-tiations over the new tariff schedules at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Mr. Clawson. the California lobbyist, managed to win a one-third reduction in Japanese duties on table wine and a cut

Not only is California competing

with French wine in the new marwine were sold this year.

Department for head-of-state im-munity for Sheikh Zayed, who was named in the \$1.5 billion First "As far as the consumer is concerned, this is an open market, and the French like to try new wines. If we stay here and keep at it, we'll be in good shape when the European economy comes back," said David Winter, who began working in the belly of the beast last March as the director for Wente Brothers of Cal-ifornia, which exports 40 percent of wine was drunk too young. People Monoprix retail chain.

what the wine trade calls the "new world" wines of Chile, South Africa, and Australia. Marketing ac-cents the laid-back California lifestyle, and it differs from country to

country. In Germany, California capitalizes on the lack of good German reds instead of trying to take on the good local whites. "Take a chance with California," goes the slogan there, but the marketers were more carrious than that. They started slowly in upscale speciality wine and food shops and now are in department stores. At 8 million liters, sales were up 50 percent in 1993, and this year California wine

moves into hypermarkets. Britain is probably Europe's most competitive market; it takes about 30 million liters a year from almost 150 California wineries and is the state's best foreign market after Canada. It competes mainly in the tough market just below £4 (\$6) a bottle, which is hard to do for producers with California's high labor costs, according to Andrew Montague, the California Wine Institute's chief promoter in Britain.

Asked about the tannin that too Paris-based European marketing often seems to characterize Califorits output, and has just won an rarely lay down California wine order of one thousand cases for a and they should," he said. "I am promotion in 124 stores of France's trying to turn that around with tastings and shows to get wine into

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CHUNNEL: Testing the Waters which last year handled 18 million

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passengers.

Exacerbating the plight of the minutes, including the 75 minute ferry operators is a surfeit of capacsailing. In bad weather and heavy seas, something Le Shuttle hardly ity. A total of 10 super ferries needs to worry about, that trip can run far longer and far harder on the five each from both P&O and Stena - make a total of 50 crossings a day, often leaving at the same time.
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Ryder, an analyst at Salomon Beginning in May far more boats Brothers Inc. will leave Dover with even less Even the Dover Harbor Anthorcommercial logic. Although the fer-ry operators and Euromanel insist ity, which runs by far the busiest cross-Channel port in England the last thing they want is for the war of words to become a price forecasts a quick and massive cut in war, some analysis predict blood-"We expect Eurotunnel to take 40 percent of our revenue in the letting Even the ferry companies first year," said Keith Southey, a admit that there is probably room spokesman for the Anthority, for only one major ferry operator.

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SPORTS

In a Game That Had Everything, The Raiders Had a Little More

By Michael Wilbon Washington Post Service
LOS ANGELES — This was a game straight out of Al Davis's

His quarterback threw deep, bombs away. His defense allowed only a field goal when it counted. thwarting one of the best playoff quarterbacks in National Football League history throughout the sec-ond half. And on hand to watch was a full house in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, a colorful rowdy crowd that was reminiscent of an earlier era in the Raiders'

Los Angeles' 42-24 victory over the Denver Broncos in an American Football Conference wild-card

and three more touchdowns oo the Raiders. ground from Napoleon McCallum in his best performance as a pro. That more than offset John Elway's 302 passing yards and three touchdown passes and tight end Shan-non Sharpe's 13 catches.

Those are the details, but hardly the story of the kind of game that once made the American Football League so irresistible.

There were six touchdown drives of 65 yards or longer just in the first half, which ended with the score tied at 21. Hostetler's first six completions went for 202 yards and

playoff game Sunday was, in virtu- three touchdowns. There were an ally every way, vintage Raiders.

The Raiders got three touchdown passes from Jeff Hostetler, of the penalties called against the

> on the field as there were in the stands. In a first-half fight, cornerstands. In a first-half fight, corner-back James Trapp came off the sideline and started punching Broncos in the middle of the field. That in itself might not sound so bizarre, but Trapp is inactive and was standing on the sideline in street clothes. Remarkably, the

Raiders were not hit with a penalty, but the Broncos were, a 15-yarder. "Ridieulous," said Denver's coach, Wade Phillips. "A guy comes off their bench and attacks

NECETYING Denver, snorpe 15-154, norsholt 5-69, Milburn 5-8, Russell 8-71, Tillmon 2-15, K.Taylor 1-13, Rivers 1-8, Evans 1-7, Los Angeles, Jett 3-111, Brown 3-86, Horton 3-85, Montgomery 3-29, Wisht 1-23, MISSEO FIELD GOALS—None.

almost got even wilder. The paraglider who crashed into November's Riddick Bowe-Evander Holyfield heavyweight championship fight in Las Vegas sailed in over one end of the Coliseum and circled above the rim of the stadium. But this time the paraglider. James Miller of Henderson, Nevada, motored onward, was tracked by police in their cars and arrested immediately after landing in a park in a northwestern part of the city.

The police charged Miller, 30, with interfering with a sporting event, a misdemeanor.

In an afternoon chock full of comes our their bench and attacks our player and we get a 15-yard off football. The Raiders, with their penalty?" and rejuvenated defense in the sec-ond half, advanced to Saturday's divisional playoff game in Buffalo. Denver safety Dennis Smith, be-

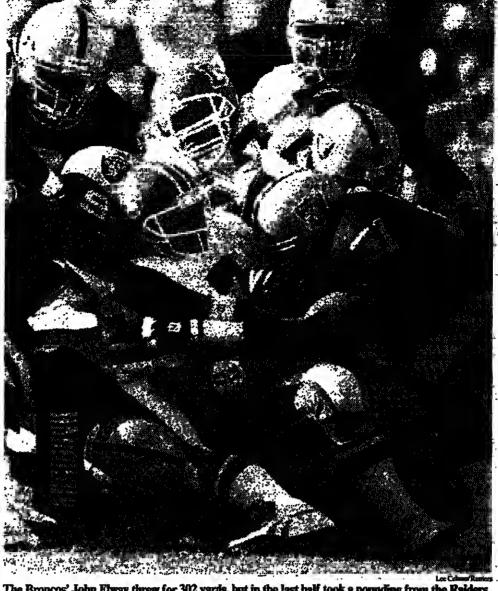
fore it began, had billed the game as the Raiders' speed vs. the Broncos' strength. "I said, 'It'll be a game of trueks vs. Ferraris,'" Smith said afterward. "If it's a race, they win. They've got too much speed. If it's a game of collisions,

we win.
"Well, it wound up with trucks chasing Ferraris." be said. "There were not enough collisions and too many races."

The race was officially on when Hostetler hit wide receiver James Jett with a 44-yard laser that set up a nine-yard touchdown pass to tight end Ethan Horton for a 7-0 lead six minutes into the game. Elway countered with a 65-yard drive that ended with a 23-yard pass to Sharpe for a 7-7 tie.

Brown on a crossing route, which covered 65 yards and put the Raiders on top, 14-7. Elway took the Broncos on a 12-play, 80-yard drive pass to tight end Reggie Johnson,

On perhaps the game's most memorable play. Jett, the rookie the half. The next drive covered 77 the half. The next drive covered



The Broncos' John Elway threw for 302 yards, but in the last half took a pounding from the Raiders.

end zone to make it 21-14. At that again, at 21. touchdown run, a two-yard burst point, with more than seven min-

ran under, caught and took into the with a six-yard pass to tie the game good, 28-21. McCallum's second

utes still left in the half, Hostetler Coach Art Shell's desire to keep four minutes to play in the third. had completed 6-of-9 passes for Elway off the field by running The first run was set up by a 33more, and three consecutive poor yard punt, the second by a 30-yard But Elway would wind op with punts by Denver's Tom Rouen punt.

18 completions and 199 yards in changed the tone of the game early McCallum got his third touch

NFL Playoff Picture

First-Round Games

GREEN BAY PACKERS 28, DETROIT LIONS 24.

NEW YORK GIANTS 17, MINNESOTA VIKINGS 10.

• KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 27, PITTSBURGH STEELERS 24.

• LOS ANGELES RAIDERS 42,

Second-Round Games

Saturday, Jan. 15
• NEW YORK GIANTS at SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS.

Sunday, Jan. 16
GREEN BAY PACKERS at DALLAS COWBOYS.

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Sunday, Jan. 16

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James Miller, who crashed November's heavyweight title bout, hove into sight again but this time had his wings clipped by police.

McMahon Takes His Knocks: 'I Plan to Be Back'

By Frank Litsky

New York Timer Service
EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey —
At age 34, he is still wears a long gold
carring on his left car and blue sanglasses in the dark. The old defiance is still there.

So is the resiliency that has allowed him to return, seemingly every few weeks, from a broken this or a dislocated that. But Jim McMahon is oo phony tough guy, and he was scared Sunday during his Minnesota Vikings' 17-10 playoff loss to the Giants. On the second play of the second half,

with the Vikings nursing a 10-3 lead, Mc-Mahon dropped back to pass. As he threw incomplete, the Giants' Mike Fox smashed into him from behind, and a split second later Keith Hamilton hit him from the front. McMahon's bead was bent back.

"My whole body was oumb for maybe two minutes," he said. "Until I got feeling back in my legs, it was not a good feeling, considering what has happened the last couple of years."

In the two preceding seasons, offensive

McMahon was helped off the field, and hon is almost an icon to teammates. Scan Salisbury replaced him for one play before the Vikings punted. The next time they had the ball, McMahou was back.

"What he did today," said Jack Del Rio, the Vikings' middle linebacker, "was a tribute to him." Nine minutes later, Fox hit McMahon

as the quarterback completed a pass. Mc-Mahon took a blow to the head and fell on his left shoulder, which was separated earlier in the season, forcing him to miss five games. This time, the shoulder was

On that second hit, McMahoo also suffered a pinched nerve in the neck or shoulder, causing a loss of sensation elsewhere in the body. Football people call that injury a burner or stinger.

MeMahon again returned, but the Vi-

guard Mike Utley of the Detroit Lions and defensive tackle Dennis Byrd of the New York Jets suffered serious neck injuries during games. Utley is paralyzed; Byrd has partly recovered. McMahon's injury was diagnosed as a minor concussion.

"I thought those two guys broke his cock," said Tim Irwin, the Vikings' offensive tackle. "I was worried for his safety."

In a world of hardnosed people, McMahon was helped off the field, and hon is almost an icon to teaumates.

His blockers are amazed by his resil-

"I doo't think there's anything more you can say about his toughness," said Todd Kalis, an offensive guard. "He doesn't let anything - pain, injury, whatever - affect what he's trying to do."

McMahon has been spent 12 seasons in the National Football League — seven with the Chicago Bears, one with the San Diego Chargers, three with the Philadelphia Eagles and one from the Vikings. He has been beaten up so often that his 12

starts this season were his most except for 13 for the 1983 Bears.

The Vikings, seeking an offensive spark, signed him this season as an unrestricted free agent for \$3.2 million over two years. He led them to a 9-7 regular-season record and a short top to the playoffs.

"He amazes me," said Steve Jordan, the Vikings' tight end. "When he came to the team, a lot of people said he hadn't finished a season in years. Can be take a hit? Well, he took some today and bounced

Against the Giants, he just could not bounce back enough. He was disappointed because, he said, "We had it in control with a 7-point lead and the way our defense was playing, and then, in the third quarter, we lost the game."

So the Vikings are out of the playoffs, but for McMahon it is only an interrup-

tion, not an end.
"I plan to be back next year," he said.
"I'm having too much fun, but it's not fun when we lose. I'll be back if they want me

Cowboys' Smith Wins **MVP** Award for NFL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Running back Emmitt NEW YORK — Ranning pack Emmits.

Smith, who missed two games and half of snother, all three of which the Dallas Cowbrys lost, was selected Monday as the most valuable player in the NFL.

In voting by 81 national media members, Smith inarrowly bear out last year's property of the Smith Services.

winner, Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers. Smith, the league's leading rusher for the third straight season, got 26 votes; Young, the top passer in the NFL, had 21. Smith is the first player for the Cowboys to win the award, and only the third run-

ning back since 1980. Jorry Rice of the 49ers was third in the balloting with 15 votes. He was followed by Denver quarterback John Elway with 10, and Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman

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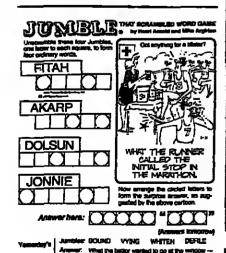
with three votes. Also receiving votes were running back Marcus Allen of Kansas City and quarterback Warren Moon of Houston, two each, and quarterback Phil Simms of the New York Giants and wide receiver Sterling Sharpe of Green Bay, one each.

THEY GRABBED HIM BY THE

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I MAY BE ALMOST SIX YEARS OLD, BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT WOMEN."



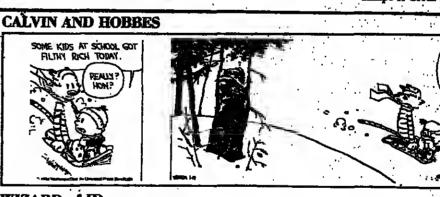
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SPORTS

Barkley: Good-Bye

the National Basketball Association finals and the National Baskethall Association finals and the honor of being named the league's most valuable player award last spring the new season has been anything but smooth for the Phoenix Suns' Charles Barkley. At training camp in October, the 6-foot, 6-inch forward collapsed on the court. Tests revealed a bulging disk in his back, which has harveered his styledisk in his back, which has hampered his style to a degree but not his smile. Then Barkley was involved in two alternations at a Phoenix-aren bar. Sunday, he was placed on the injured list because of a small tear in his right qualit-ceps tendon, torn during a game Friday night. The team's doctor, Richard Emerson, said it appeared Revieles would be to the property of the control appeared Barkley would not need surgery, but that he will re-evaluate the injury this week. Amid all that, Barkley affered some thoughts on his future, the league and society in general in an interview with Samantha Stevenson.

O: Looking abead to next year? A: Next year? I'm not playing basketball

Q: Then tell us, what is the state of

Charles Barkley in 1994?
A: I'm just trying to finish off this season.
Hopefully, everything will be fine and we will win the world championship. This is my

Q: For sure? A: For sure

Q: The lans will miss you.

A: There will always be great basketball players. I'm looking forward to playing in 1994 because we have a chance to win the world championship. We are one of three best teams in the league. There are only four or five that can win it and we're one of them. Q: So how's your back?

A: I think it's been a struggle for me this year physically. My back is going to bother me. There's nothing I can do about it. That's part of the game. You have to play hard and play through it.

Q: Let's make a list of reasons why you

A: The only reason is physical pain. That's it. For me, it is a physical strain. My feet make my legs and my knees hurt. That's part of my back pain. When you have back probiems it makes your legs go numb. Your feet are taking a lot of pressure. I'm taking some anti-inflammatory shots in my leg that make the pain go away in my back. But I don't want to get in the habit of taking shots to play. That's it. -.

Q: You're not tired of the hassles you have recently had to go through?

A: I don't move around Phoenix. I've got a

cook at home. My wife is a good cook. People are going to bug the hell out of you. It goes with the territory. That's why they pay you so much money. They pay you a million to play and another two million to deal with the nuts. And there are no mus for me because they will get punched in the head. But that's the way it is.

Q: Is anyone or anything going to change

This season, if we play back-to-back games that I think we can win, I will take some

It didn't take long for Derek Harper to get

the bulk of the playing time at point guard-for the New York Kincks.

Haiper, acquired three days before from the Dalias Mavericks, played 27 minutes— Sunday night and was on the court during a

17-7 fourth-quarter ran as New York defeat-

ed the visiting Portland Trail Blazers, 99-85.

Patrick Ewing scored 36 points and John Starks added 30, but it was the newly ac-quired Harper who got the most attention

afterward for playing quality minutes during the most crucial part of the game. "It's still early, but you can tell he's going

to be able to spark us in certain situations," said Charles Oakley, who had 14 points and 12 rebounds for his 16th double double of

the season - one more than he had all last

Harper, who had seven points and four

ssists, made a 20-foor jumper to give New

York a 91-73 lead in the fourth quarter.

Portland got no closer than 14 after that:

trying to find my comfort zone right now.

"I was nervous." Harper said. "I'm just

The Bear Is Growling

One tournament into the new year, and Jack Nicklans. right, was raising tanta-lizing possibilities. On a day when Phil Mickelson beat Fred Couples in a playoff to win the Mercedes Championship in Carlsbad, California, Nickians, 53, came from three shots back to win the semor section of the two-per event. Then he be-

title. But not on the se-"I played a very good senior tour tournament," he said. But that's not what I'm trying to do.

gan talking about win-ning another major

"You may laugh at me, but if I think in my own mind I can be competitive, then I believe I can be compentive. If in my own mind I don't think that, then I'll let you know and I'll go do something else."



Q: The Phoenix organization talks as

though you will be back in 1995. A: If I can get my back together and they guarantee I won't be in pain, of course I'll be playing. I'm only, 30 years old. A good-looking 30 years old. I might add. Jerry Colangelo wouldn't want me to play basketball in pain. He's ton good of a person for

Q: People in Alabama say you want to run

for governor when you retire? A: Not for four years, It's something I've always thought about and something I want to do. I think it would be a great opportunity for me. One of the problems in the political system is you have so many people who owe people something. But if I get in these I won't be looking out for any particular group. I've been on both ends of the specfrom I've been poor. I've been rich. Hopefully, I can do a good job. Q: Republican, Democrat?

A: I'm an independent.

Knicks Get a Return on Trade for Harper

tage of it."

capable of doing."

Q: What will be your platform?

West would have been favored anyway. Seattle, Houston and us. Even Chicago. The into the public school system. What we're Bulls are a great team. A: If I can have beet suggery and the groups and we have deteriorated our public doctor can make me feel like I am not being school system. We are creating two different in pain then it's something I would consider. . economic groups. Also, we have to get tougher on crime. People are not afraid to commir crimes in our society today and that's wrong.

Neither Harper nor Greg Anthony had outstanding offensive numbers, but Harper

did a better defensive job than Anthony,

who's been starting for the Knicks since Doc

Rivers went down with a season-ending knee

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

omstanding player and we know what he's

Anthony was not available for comment

after the game. He had four points, four assists and five rebounds, but Rod Strick-

land burned him for 14 first-half points.

The Blazers were without guards Terry Porter and Clyde Drexler and center Chris

Strickland led Portland with 19,

Dudley, all of whom are injured.

Q: What about going back to Auburn for

A: It depends on my plans, Everybody does not need an education. I think it's important if you don't have a special gift. Having an education today doesn't guaran-

Q: Do you believe in stricter gun laws?
A: Guns don't kill people. People with
guns kill people. You put a gun on that floor and I'll use it.

Q: Do you carry one? A: I prefer not to get into it. People know you have a gun or don't have a gun, it sways their opinion if they want to do something to

O: Do you feel secure in your home? A: Yeah. As long as I have that 9-millime-

Q: Do you have a sense that since Michael Jordan has left that the pieces of the championship puzzle are more divided? A: No, not really. I felt the teams in the

'A: Just a lot of bad teams. And that's it. O: Like? A: No, not like. There are a lot of had

Q: Do you miss Jordan?

"We played a very proud team that forgot

their adversities for two hours and kicked

our butts," said Golden State's coach, Don

The Lakers were without coach Randy

scored at least 21 points.

a franchise record-low.

A: I see him now more than when I was

deaths in sports . . . A: I don't look back on it. I keep it on my mind all the time How precious life is. I keep everything in perspective, no matter what happens on the baskethall court. You lose a basketball game, it's not that impor-tant. If it doesn't kill you it won't affect you, "This is a great opportunity," he added. "I only the fifth time this season the Blazers think it's important that I try to take advan-were beaten on the boards. I don't think. Suns 122, Warriors 107: Phoenix, playing Q: Will you miss the game?

At You're going to miss it. But you're always Kevin Johnson, but its bench took up the slack. A.C. Green had 29 points and 17 whether you retire this year or 10 years from repoints and those other plants and 17 rebounds and three other Phoenix players now.

playing. I see him a lot. We made some Nike

ald's commercial. He's doing great. He's

Q: Do you see you and Jordan ever barn-

A: That Dream Team stuff is over, It might tarnish something if we retire at young ages and go overseas to play. If we play, we should play in America, Maybe an exhibi-

tion over there. Or something, I'm an Ameri-

A. They are very good coaches. But coach-

good. You got bad players, you can't win, This is a player's game,

a good team you are going to win a lot more.

Q: What is the most important thing?

A. God. Everything else is secondary.

Q: Looking back at 1993 and all of the

in you lose. It's not the most important

storming Europe?

care of Americans.

thing in the world.

impact on pro coaching?

nmercials and we just made a McDon-

Q: What have you learned in the NBA? Johnson missed his third straight game to A: Nobody owes you anything. You have "He's doing a good job with the plays he rest a bruised right thigh and sprained ankle. to work for what you get. My mom taught knows," Ewing said of Harper. "He's an but Frank Johnson filled in with a season me that, but that's stuff you learn along the high 26 points and eight assists. Dan Majerle had 23 points and Danny Ainge 21. way. I've gotten smarter: I'm a better, a better basketball player.

O: Unlike your commercial on role models, do you really believe you are a role

A: Yes. Athletes are role models. Second-Spors 95, Lakers 89: San Antonio held ary role models. Your parents are first. host Los Angeles to 25 points in the first half,

Q: Are you trying to leave a Barkley legacy behind? A: No. Because in this life you are trying

The Blazers were without guards Terry Prind, who was suspended for one game and fined by the NBA for bumping a referee in What you are leaving. You don't have time to need by assistant Bill Bertka.

A: No. Because in this life you are trying to do so much you aren't thinking about what you are leaving. You don't have time to do.

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Police Have Videotape Of Kerrigan's Attacker

Monday they have a videotape of next week and begin jumping in the man who attacked U.S. figure two weeks. She said she hopes to skater Nancy Kerrigan and are skate next Monday. hoping to get a better look at him • Speedskater Kristen Talbot,

person, that would definitely be a bone marrow to her brother Jason,

Kerrigan, timping slightly and bolding onto her mother, returned home to Boston on Monday with hopes of skating again soon. She was scheduled for tests later

ter practice in Detroit. The videotape was taken by a cameraman for Intersport, a Chica-go-based production company, sec-"I think it was a little bit harder

leon said.

A private laboratory will attempt to clarify the shot through digital enhancement, Napoleon said. He said he was unsure how long that

He said police would wait until then to distribute the videotape of

On Sunday, a videotape techni-cian from Olympia Arenas which operates Joe Louis Arena, deter-mined that the attacker was white, Napoleon said. On Saturday, police released two composite drawings of the man because four witnesses described him as white and

two described him as black. Witnesses described the attacker as being 35 to 40 years old, 6 feet tall, and 190 to 210 pounds, Napoleon said.

can. That's what Americans do. They take Another Intersport videotape Q: Have Pat Riley of the Knicks and Phil Jackson of the Chicago Bulls made a big shows the attacker running down a hall after he had hit Kerrigan, Napoleon said

You can see him running down es aren't going to win unless the players are a hall, he said. "You can see what looks like a black stick in his O: You laugh a lot on the court.

A: I have fun playing basketball. It's only a basketball game. It doesn't matter. We win, it's great. We lose, it's great. If you have Kerrigan was named to the

Olympic teant Saturday. The attack had forced her to withdraw from the U.S. championships. "I can't let this stop me," Kerri-

International Airport in Boston. I'm just going to go on." She said the swelling in her leg

had gone down and she was following doctors' orders to try walking

ESPN Expands To Middle East

Internetional the all Trabuse PARIS - ESPNi International has signed an agreement gith Orbit Communications Cr. to relecast the ESPN Inter-national Network programs to the Middle East and North Africa, the 24-hour U.S. satellite sports network announced

ESPN International's pro-grams include NFL games. PGA golf tournaments, NHL matches. Latin American and European soccer matches. Indy car races and Davis Cup tennis. ESPN said that Orbit will provide addition pro-gramming from the Middle East. North Africa and Eu-

Telecasts will have English and Arabic commentary.

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by sending the videotape to a lab-orator, for digital enhancement.

"If we get a clear picture of the

Monday to Baltimore to donate

step in the right direction. Deputy who is undergoing chemothe Police Chief Benny Napoleon said. who is undergoing chemotherapy Talbot, a two-time Olympian, was the fourth and final 500-meter

qualifier Saturday and was 10th in the 1,000 meters Sunday. Her times in both events were in the oay on the knee badly better during the first weekend of hruised when the man attacked her competition. Dec. 31-Jan. 2. Marhruised when the man attacked her competition. Dec. 31-Jan. 2. Marwith a heavy rod last Thursday afrow testing caused her to miss 12 practice days before the trials and

she said her concern for her brother onds before the attack and shows than it was last weekend." Talbot the man squatting near the curtain said Sunday. "I think my mind is a when Kerrigan pulls it open as she little hit with Jason, rather than

walks off the skating rink, Napo- myself." Jason Talbot, 19. was diagnosed You can see his face." Napo- in mid-December with the disease leon said, "You can see his eyes, that slows the production of blood You can see his nose. You can see cells. Without a transplant, his chances of survival are 15 percent at best, A successful transfusion pushes those odds as high as 80

Talbot, 23, of Schuylerville, New transplant,

DETROIT — The police said tors that she can return to skating who were matches for the trans plant. She was considered a bettecandidate because of her brother. ages: Matthew is 7 and Andrew 3. Another brother, 9-year-old Ryan, was not a match.

> Doctors at Johns Hopkins Medical Center will take marrow from two places in Talbot's hip in what is expected to be a brief procedu:: Tuesday.

"I'm pretty calm, but I'm ner-vous for Jason," Talbot said.

"The recovery depends a lot on individual variation," said Richar t Ambinder, Jason's doctor at John: Hopkins, "There will be some sore ness, but blood loss is differen. from person to person.

"Any other normal kid, ther: would be no question that the recovery rate would be 80 to 90 percent hy the date of the Winter Olympics," said Ambinder. 'I would say, though, this surgery will have an effect on Kristen's training, and with her being on the cutting edge, it will definitely affect

her, but I don't know how much." Talbot said she hoped to resum: light training at Milwaukee's Petti. National lee Center later this week. Jason Talbot will know in about

a month if his body accepts the

U.S. Luge Team **Back in Oberhof**

at the scene of the crime with police otecnion, Duncan Kennedy and the U.S. luge team tried Monday to concentrate on training for this weekend's World Cup meet. But there was one big distrac-

Just two days after Kennedy competes, the two neo-Nazis who allegedly led the assault on him outside an Oberhof har go on trial and the prosecutor has asked Ken-

nedy to testify.
"It's possible he could testify that day," said Karsten Reubekeul, court director in nearby Suhl,

all he could to make sure his at- day, the official said. an said as she arrived at Logan tackers are punished. But he would not comment Monday on whether

that will happen.
Reubekeul said the court must first determine whether it will call

Prosecutor Erich Rachor, meanwhite, said he had filed charges late last week against four more of the 15 skinheads involved in the Oct.

29 beating. The two due to go on trial, ages 16 and 21, have been charged with causing grievous bodily harm for which they could receive up to five

years in jail if convicted. Of the six suspects, only the 21year-old, the alleged ringleader, is in jail. German justice officials have moved swiftly in the case, however. The attack was a big cmbarrassment to a country unable to

halt a wave of attacks on foreigners - mostly asylum-seekers from poor countries - by rightist extremists. Kennedy was surrounded. kicked and punched outside the Kurparkklause bar as he turned to confront the skinheads so his black

teammate and roommate. Robert Pipkins, could get away.

The skinheads had confronted Pipkins in the har, making monkey noises and gestures and calling him

nioger. Kennedy is ranked second in World Cup competition behind teammate Wendel Suckow and this weekend's meet is the second-tolast for the Americans before next

month's Winter Olympics in Lille-

hammer, Norway.

The seven-man, three-woman U.S. luge team arrived quietly on Sunday, beating the hordes of press expected later in the week. They had abandoned training in Igls, Austria, a day early because of warm, rainy weather that had made the track there soft.

They planned to be "sliding" Monday afternoon in Oberhof, 270 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of Berlin, where the sun shone on about a half-meter of melting snow and tourists were few because of 8

Kennedy, Pipkins and their OBERHOF, Germany — Back teammates were not talking to rethe scene of the crime with police porters. The team trainer, Jeff Scheuer, said they all want to con-centrate on training and plan a news conference on Thursday.

· New protests have forced the International Ski Federation t. again reconsider the women a World Cup super giant slaton S.n. orday that was stopped after 3.1 competitors, canceled and then le. stand, officials said Monday in Oberholen, Switzerland.

An FIS official said the executive body would decide during tele-phone consultations whether Heid! Zurbriggen's victory in the Altenwhere the trial opens on Jan. 17.

Kennedy has said he would do

markt race should count. An announcement should be made Tues. markt race should count. An an-

ay, the official said. (ATP)

Defenseman Kenneth Kennholt, who sustained a groin injury during a league game, will not be able to play for the Swedish bocke-team in Lillehammer, the Swedish team's coach, Curt Lundmark, said Monday.

· Security will be tightened a: next week's European figure skating championships after an attack on U.S. figure skater Nancy Kerri-gan, organizers said Monday in Copenhagen.

"We have reviewed our entire security setup to prevent anything like that happening here," said I ev Petersen, head of the Danish Skating Union and of the organizing

committee. Petersen said additional security guards bad been hired for the Jan. 18-23 European championships in Copenhagen, but declined to elaborate on specific security measures, "It is incredible that something like this could happen and we are

deeply shocked," be said. "We are taking the Kerrigan attack very se-

2 Months Early. First Fist Flies

Compiled by Our Staff From Propatches LONDON - U.S champion Michael Bentt punched British challenger Herhie Hide in a London street Monday. two months before they meet in earnest for the WBO heavyweight title. Hide, shirt huttons torn

away and nursing a sore lip, said Bentt bad struck him more than once.

Witnesses said the flashpoint eame when Hide knocked a baseball cap from Bentt's head as the champion posed for photographers. Said Bentt: "He compromised my manhood." Said Hide: "He's a nut."

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SIDELINES

Whitbread Yachts Tightly Grouped SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) - Five boars were within three nautical miles of the lead Monday night as the leading fleet in the Whitbread Round the World Race rounded the southwestern tip of

Australia and headed for New Zealand. Japanese-New Zealand entry Tokio, overall leader after two legs in the Whithread 60 class, held a tenuous advantage over another Japanese-New Zealand yacht. Yamaha, and two other 60s, the European entry Intrum Justida and Spain's Galicia 93 Pescanova.

Also bunched in the lead group as the yachts founded Cape Leeuwin was New Zealand Endeavor, which holds first place overall in the Maxi

Hong Kong Likes Horses, and Bets PARIS (AFP) - Hong Kong's racetrack fans leave the competition standing when it comes to having a flutter on the horses, a survey released here Monday showed

The 41-country survey by French racing's promotional body UNIC found that, in 1992, people in Hong Kong spent an average of \$1.200 per capita in bets on horse races. The next biggest spenders were Australians. But they were a distant second at \$320, followed by Japan [\$271] and New Zenland (\$135). Neckand-neck in sixth place were French and British punters, who each bet an

Leading the field in terms of the total value of bets placed was Japan, with \$33 billion wagered during 1992.

For the Record

do this for survival, not for the glory."

Dr. Jamie Astaphan, who admitted providing steroids for sprinter Ben Johnson and other athletes, has been arrested at John F. Kennedy Airport on drug warrants after his plane from Antigua to Toronto was diverted to New York because of the weather, a Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman said, Peugeot's sporting director, Jean-Pierre Jabouille, said Monday he wanted Alain Prost to return to Formula One motor racing with

Uuotable Anna Bauscher, 91, on why she didn't bother to pick up ber medal

THE REPORT every Saturday in the IHT. McLaren. Prost retired last season after winning the world championship after setting an age-group world record at a swim meet in Philadelphia: "I

ART BUCHWALD

How Americans Feel

WASHINGTON — Everyone is conducting surveys to find out how Americans feel about their when the question of guns came

Sixty percent of the people I talked to felt better about them- gun. selves than they did about Northern Ireland,

Seventy-four percent said that if they had to do it all over again they would sleep on the top floor and put their children in the basement with

the doors locked and the windows barred A majority of

Americans re-Buchwald ported that what they feared the most was having

cold popcorn in the movie theater. Children said that they feared getting chewing gum on their new sneakers and having to sit next to smelly Josb Workman on the

There was no agreement on whom people admired the most in sports, aithough 54 percent of those

RSC, With Grant, Will Tour More

L Shakespeare Company has accepted one of Britain's biggest sponsorships, with the food and beverage group Allied-Lyons PLC, which will enable the company to spend more time touring abroad.

The company's artistic director,
Adrian Noble, said the £3.3 million
(\$5 million), three-year sponsorship
would bring financial stability after
one of the bleakest years ever for the art in Britain, with many cutbacks in state and corporate funding.
The RSC said it would do more

international touring and spend at least 15 weeks in the United States and nine weeks in Continental Europe in the three years beginning March I. Its 1994 touring begins with a production of "The Winter's Tale," which will visit New Zealand, Japan and the United States.

lives. I figured that it wasn't too up, 87 percent said they would early or too late in 1994 to do my rather have a toy than a gun, but if anyone tried to take the toy away from them they would all want a

> When asked "Do you believe that there is only one calorie in Diet Coke?" 90 percent of those interviewed said that they did. Only 23 percent claimed to have actually

One of the questions asked was, "Do you believe God should be in the classroom?" The majority agreed that He should as long as He didn't raise real estate taxes.

The next question was, "Do you believe in dinosaurs?" To which 67 percent responded, "Only if they don't create traffic gridlock in the

The survey asked people, "What do you like the most about America?" The overwhelming response by 80 percent was the Post Office.

I also posed the question, "Do you think that life is unfair?" Most of the participants said no. One typical respondent said, "Life is fair, cable television rates are un-The question then came up,

Would you want your daughter to marry Howard Stern, the radio commentator?" The majority said no, but one man said, "I thought My survey also tried to find out

if people were fearful of NAFTA. Sixty-nine percent responded that they could live with it as long as its warheads were not planted in the neighborhood. Television violence was also on

the list of things that people were concerned about. One of the main worries was that Oprah Winfrey was going to hit someone over the head when she took her microphone into the audience.

Did people believe that everybody should be politically correct? Most replied no, if it meant paying more for health insurance. One of those questioned said, "The only person I want to see politically correct is Senator Packwood,"

When asked what they would do in the future that they hadn't done in the past, the majority said that they would pick different numbers for their lottery tickets.

Amos Oz's Belated Tribute to His Father

By David Streitfeld

Washington For Service
WASHINGTON — Amos Oz grew up
in a cramped Jerusalem apartment
that boasted many books but not much else. His father, Yehuda, was a former professor of comparative literature - a reluctant immigrant to a Palestine that, thanks to European anti-Semitism, had more comp lit prolessors than students. Yehuda took solace in his books; they fed his spirit. They didn't feed his family. "Why don't you sell some of your precious tomes, so we can buy some food?" his wife, Fania, would ask,

Reluctantly, Yehuda would pluck out a few volumes and trudge off to the shops. Yet when he returned hours later he would be carrying not food, nor even the promised money, but more books. He might have gotten rid of a couple, but he couldn't resist the lure of others. Who needs to eat?

Oz smiles as he tells the story, maybe because childhood represents the high point of his relationship with Yehuda Arieh Klansner, who had to make his living as a librarian. "He was a right-winger, a city dweller and an ardent, uncritical Zionist," says the son, who left home at age 14 to join a kibbutz, changed his name (Oz means "strength" in Hebrew), and has been a longtime and prominent advocate of reconciliation with the Arabs.

These differences, once so great, matter less now. Yehnda died in 1970, living long enough to see his son publish his first three books and become the leading Israeli writbooks and become the leading Israeli writer of his generation. Oz's new novel, "Fima," his 11th work of fiction to be published in the United States, is in part a belated tribute to the old man, but also testimony to the unhappy feelings fathers can provoke in the lives of their sons:

Fima could "almost suiff his father's receil accell profiting up the state."

special smell wafting up the stairs, that smell he remembered from his infancy and could identify even in a roomful of strang-ers: the scent of airless rooms, old furniture, steaming fish stew and boiled carrots, feather beds, and sticky liquenr.

"As father and son exchanged a per-functory embrace, this Eastern European aroma aroused in Fima a revulsion mixed with shame at the revulsion, together with the long-standing urge to pick a quarrel with his father, to trample on some sacro-sanct principle of his, to disclose the irritating contradictions in his views, to exasperate him a little."

The novel is more discursive than plot-driven, as befits Fima's dreamy nature. (Efraim Nisan, to give his formal name, is a receptionist in a Jerusalem gynecologist's office, a 54-year-old onetime poet who has the richest fantasy life this side of Walter Mitty.) The story recounts the five days before what is heralded on the first page as

"the sad event," the death of his father, It will change Fima's life. The son is forced to become a little more of an adult.

"When my father was alive," says the 54year-old Oz, "although we were not always on the best of relations, there was his body. his person —his broad back, so to speak standing between me and death, I knew it was there, of course. Always, I could see it — this is where being an Israeli helps a little bit. But he stood between me and death.

When he was gone, there was nothing." Think of it, he says, like standing in line. Think of it, he says, like standing m line.
"Something changes about people's posture — the way they stand, the way they
wait — when they are first. The death of a
parent, whether this is a father to a boy or
a mother to a girl, makes you ready for the
call, "Next, please."

In Israel, this notion has broader impli-

cations. For a long time after its establishment a half-century ago, the country was dominated by the founding mothers and fathers. David Ben-Gurion, Chaim Weizmann, Golda Meir — these were larger than-life figures, pioneers, the folks who initiated it all.

"These people were always parents, even when they were very young," says Oz.

They were parents of the country, the ones who started the business. So even in the broader sense of the Israeli experience, there is now this feeling, "Next, please."

He has proposed for the first Israeli-Palestinian joint project "the creation of a monument to our mutual stupidity." In his view, the Palestinians will get less than they could have had in 1948, five wars ago, while the Israelis will keep less than they could have had they been more generous, more imaginative in 1967. And the thousands of victims on both sides? The dead will get nothing except for some wreaths and a flood of high-flown rhetoric."

He's sitting on the porch of his cousin's home in Bethesda, Maryland, He's thinking about his father again. Yehuda, Oz recalls, was a member of the underground during the struggle for independence, for which he wrote leaflets about the perfictions British. One day he was asked to hide in his home a few Molotov cocktails -- no small matter, considering this could result in a sentence of death. Yehuda put the canisters on shelves behind a row of books. "Where else?" asks Oz. "There was no basement, no attic. The kitchen was no bigger than an

The next day, the neighborhood was put under curiew. A house-to-house search followed. A young British officer, flanked by two soldiers, came into the family's apartment. He saw all the books and immediately decided that such an educated man could not be a terrorist.

They began charting about literature.

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Author Oz has made his peace with his father as his country seeks its own.

all, a professor without a single student began plucking books off shelves. "My mother and I stood there trembling for fear a cocktail might roll off the shelves and explode." Oz says, smiling again.
Although Yehuda was a librarian, not a

writer, Oz calls him "more literary than I've ever been." It's a strange thing to say when you are the writer who embodies contemporary Israeli literature in Europe and the United States. Oz's second novel. "My Michael," the story of a young Jewish woman's fantasies about two Palestinian brothers, took Israel by storm in 1968; a success on a comparable scale in the much more populous United States would need to sell about 10 million copies.

But even the most successful novelist in Israel lives much like everyone else. Dur-ing the decades on the kibbutz, all of Oz's

An enthusiastic Yehuda - he was after royalties went into the common fund. He served in the army and the reserves. The house in the desert town of Arad where he lives with his wife, Nily - they have two daughters and a son — doesn't boast a swimming pool.

When he's writing, which is most of the time, Oz fends off reporters wanting to know the significance of every political hiccup. Art, for all intents and purposes, is kept separate from life. He doesn't write

His most recent novels — "Black Box,"
"To Know a Woman" and now "Firma" all revolve around characters who experience a major shift in priorities, and consequently have an overwhelming urge for reconcilization. "Making peace with some-thing." Oz calls it, quickly adding that this

PEOPLE

Billy and the Oscars: Can This Be the End?

Billy Crystal, whose send-ups of production numbers and quick ad libs have brought great ratings even Emmys - to the past few Academy Awards ceremonies, is threatening to call it quits. Again, Crystal was conxed last year to host the ceremonies one more time, but People magazine reports that Oscar may not be so lucky this year. Crystal says it's hard to repeat the impact of such implanted events as Jack Palance's one arm push-ups, which gave Crystal fodder for the 1992 show and the idea for a splashy entrance in 1993. A spokesman for the Academy said only that there is no news to report on who the host will be" on March 21:

The Nobel prize winner and author Nie Wiesel plans to co-teach a course titled "Facing Hate-Making Peace" at Eckerd College in Florida this winter. ... Wayne State University in Detroit has hired Coleman Young, whose 20 years a mayor of the city ended a week ago, as a halftime professor of urban affairs.

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The singer and actress Melba Moore, who has hit hard times since her divorce from her husband-manager, may be rebounding since she talked of being on public assistance on the "The Manry Povich Show." Two lawyers have offered free legal services and two producers have expressed interest in putting together a concert or recording deal.

Saying he is doing great work and is still getting better. NBC rewarded Jay Leno with a contract extension that will keep him as host of the "Tonight" show through 1995. The financial terms were not disclosed, but an executive said he would get a raise. He has been earning \$6 million to \$7 million a year.

Sophia Loren says she is considering resuming her acting career.
"Not being a teenager anymore, I have to select stories that are very appropriate to my age and to my character," said Loren, 59, as she accepted an award in Palm Springs.

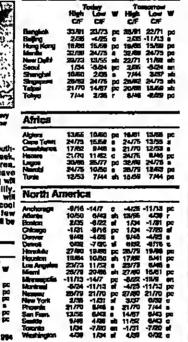
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WEATHER

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